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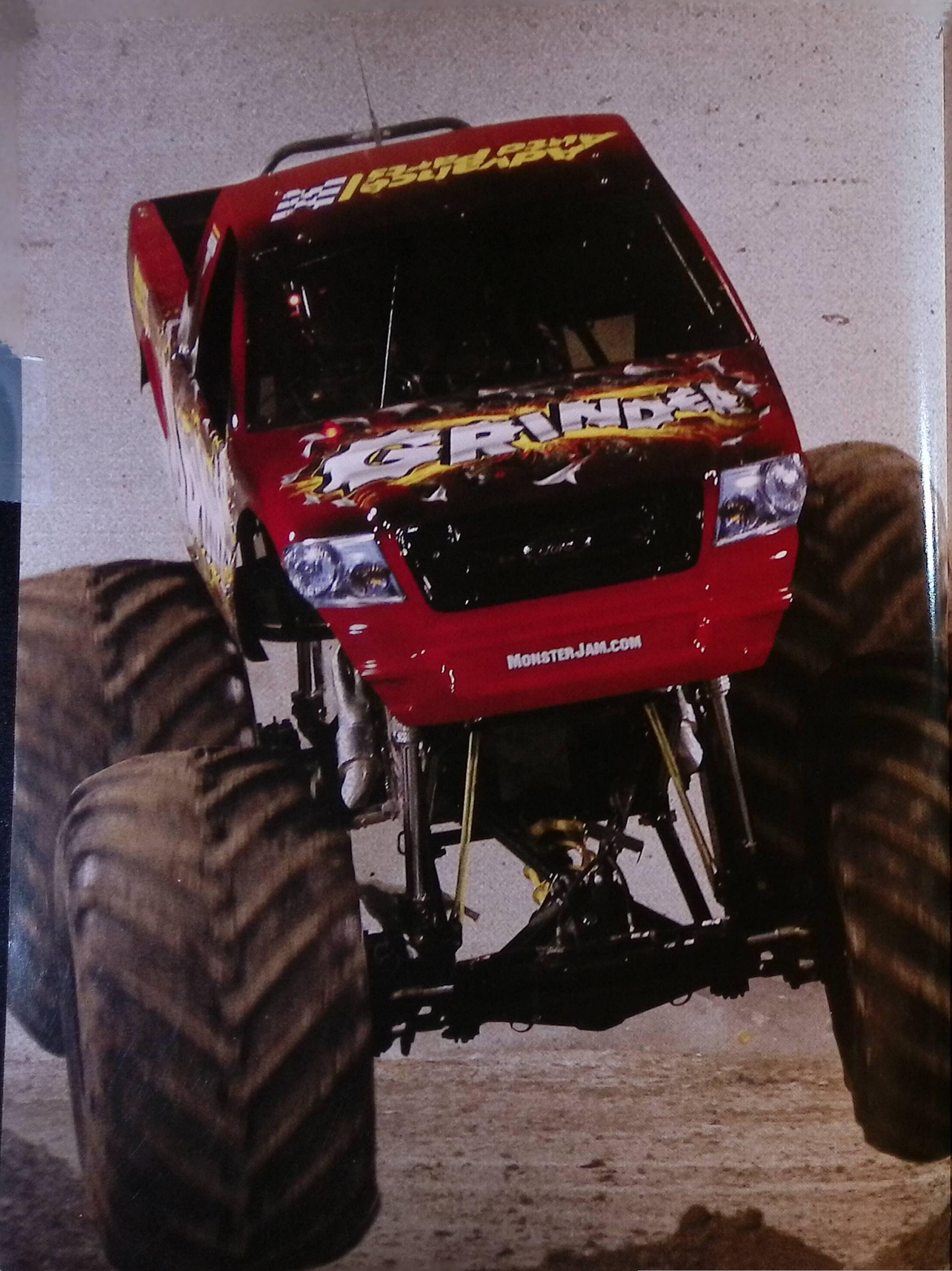

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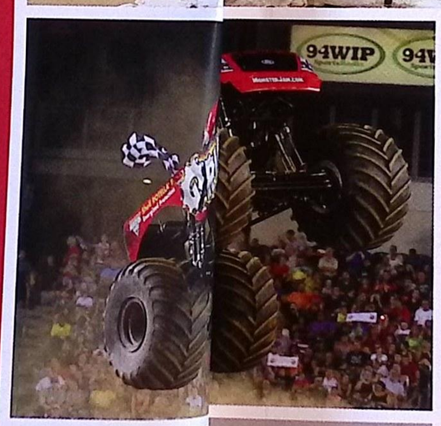

WELCOME TO THE SHOW

Welcome to the most intense motorsports experience on the planet, Advance Auto Parts Monster Jam®! In today's unforgettable performance you will experience a day full of family fun and witness the world's greatest Monster Jam trucks defy the laws of physics as they soar through the air and destroy everything in their path!

While delivering the most fan-friendly entertainment in the world, the Monster Jam Party in the Pits provides fans the chance to access the superstars of the sport up close, unlike any other live event experience. Following the show, fans will get one last chance to meet the drivers and get autographs. Be sure to listen throughout the show for autograph locations and times.

2013 is a special year for Advance Auto Parts Monster Jam as 10-time Monster Jam World Finals℠ Champion Max-D℠ is celebrating its 10th anniversary with two all new looks! The 10th Anniversary of Max-D isn't the only noticeable change in 2013. Several new Monster Jam trucks will be making their debut in 2013 including Zombie℠, El Diablo℠ and Scooby-Doo. In addition to some new looks for El Toro Loco® and Batman, Monster Jam welcomes the return of the all new Blue Thunder® and Captain's Curse® trucks!

During the show, you will witness each and every Monster Jam truck push themselves to the limits in the racing competition where even a tenth of a second could be the difference between first and second place. The freestyle competition will complete the night as each Monster Jam truck will have a chance to display their ability to hit huge ramps at top speeds, destroying every obstacle in sight, pop wheelies, perform donuts, and showcase any other tricks they may have up their sleeves.

After the show, be sure to log on to MonsterJam.com to stay up to date with all of the latest Monster Jam news, events, interviews, exclusive videos and results from other events around the world. Our online store also allows you to grab any Monster Jam merchandise that you may have missed at the show. Monster Jam is buzzing on Facebook and Twitter. You are only one "like" away from following us around the clock. Check us out at facebook.com/mjonline, twitter.com/monsterjam or on SPEED (check local listing)!

Sit back and relax because once the lights dim and the 1,500 horsepower engines rev up you will be sure to be on the edge of your seats for the remainder of the night while experiencing the thrill of Monster Jam. We thank you for choosing to spend your night with Monster Jam and hope you enjoy the show!

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MONSTER JAM 101

If this is your very first time attending an Advance Auto Parts Monster Jam® event, then the following pages serve as a starter kit for all the exciting activity you'll see on the track. If you are a seasoned veteran, there may be some information that even you didn't know!

What are Advance Auto Parts Monster Jam® trucks?

Approximately 12 feet tall and 12 feet wide, Advance Auto Parts Monster Jam® trucks are custom-designed machines that sit atop 66-inch tires and weigh a minimum of 5 tons. Built for short, high-powered bursts of speed, Monster Jam trucks top out at 1,500 horsepower. Monster Jam trucks can jump more than 30 feet high and regularly travel a distance of 130 feet flying through the air. That's longer than 18 cars lined up side by side!

What happens at Advance Auto Parts Monster Jam events?

At most Monster Jam events, Monster Jam trucks face off in at least two different forms of competition — racing and freestyle. Racing is traditional bracket racing, where the first truck to cross the finish line with the least number of penalties is the winner. The freestyle competition allows the trucks time on an open floor to show off their skills as they finesse the huge machines in a jaw-dropping display of punishing stunts and amazing tricks that make these high-horsepower beasts appear to dance gracefully across the track.

Who are the stars of Advance Auto Parts Monster Jam?

The Monster Jam trucks are the stars of the show. Some of the world's most popular Monster Jam trucks include Max-D®, Monster Mutt®, Advance Auto Parts Grinder℠, Grave Digger®, El Toro Loco®, Mohawk Warrior®, Madusa®, Captain's Curse®, and Son-uva Digger℠. In addition, Feld Motor Sports® licenses many of the top entertainment brands in the world to create new Monster Jam trucks including licenses from Marvel, Warner Bros., Mattel, and Nickelodeon.

What kind of fuel do the trucks use?

Monster Jam trucks use an alcohol based fuel called Methanol that yields two to three miles per gallon.

How can I meet an Advance Auto Parts Monster Jam driver?

Prior to most of the Advance Auto Parts Monster Jam performances, a pre-event Party in the Pits is held at the stadiums and arenas. Pit parties give fans the opportunity to meet the drivers, take photographs, get autographs and see the Monster Jam trucks up close. There's no other live entertainment franchise that provides more intimate access for the fans to the stars of the show than Monster Jam.

Where do they get the cars to crush?

Cars, as well as vans, buses, motor homes, airplanes and ambulances, are obtained from local recycling centers and returned after each event. Full-size steel body cars are the vehicles typically crushed during an event. Over 3,000 cars are crushed at Monster Jam events each year. Monster Jam trucks will crush anything and everything. If you have a unique idea for an item to be crushed post your ideas on Facebook.com/mjonline.

How are the Advance Auto Parts Monster Jam trucks transported from show to show?

Each Monster Jam truck has its own tractor trailer hauler that transports it from show to show. All trailers haul two trucks inside. In order for the massive Monster Jam trucks to fit inside the haulers, the large 800lb tires are taken off of the trucks and replaced by smaller transport tires that make the trucks narrow and short enough to fit inside the hauler. The tires are loaded and secured separately in the front part of the trailer known by the race teams as the "dance floor".

What are the lights in the windshield of the Monster Jam trucks? Why do the trucks keep shutting off before each race?

The lights are part of the Remote Ignition Interrupt (RII) system that is a safety feature that is mandatory on all Monster Jam trucks. The system allows safety officials who are monitoring the show at all times to remotely shut down a Monster Jam truck for any reason they deem necessary. The lights indicate that the system is active and ready for testing or use. The trucks are shut off as a test for the system every time they take to the track.

Who officiates Monster Jam events?

United States Hot Rod Association® Track Officials oversee and officiate all Monster Jam events. They are the safety officers for the show, and perform tasks to make the show as safe as possible for participants and spectators alike. This includes pre-show safety inspections, monitoring all participants and vehicles during the show, and operating the RII system. Additionally, local volunteer Track Crews offer support to the Track Officials, standing by with safety equipment, moving track equipment and getting the venue ready for the event, after going through safety training. This includes setting up safety holds with plastic, painting the crush cars and other necessary enhancements to make the show as enjoyable as possible for the fans.

What happens to the dirt after the show is over? Does it travel from city to city?

That would be an impressive (and expensive) convoy of 250 dump trucks if the 7,500 tons of dirt (on average) were to travel from city to city! After the show, the dirt is removed from the venue and transported to a nearby storage facility where it is sifted and cleaned so it is ready for use at the next Advance Auto Parts Monster Jam event.

Where can I find out more about Monster Jam?

The official website of Monster Jam is MonsterJam.com. The site features lots of information, photographs, interviews, stories, schedules, ticket information, event results and videos about the Monster Jam trucks and drivers.

GLOSSARY

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Bite - Traction. Tires gripping the surface **(Image 1)**

Blower - System that forces a combination of air and fuel into the engine to produce more horsepower. Also known as a supercharger

Coil Over Shocks - This is a type of shock consisting of large coil springs wrapped around the outside of the shock

Cut Tires - Shaving the thread off the tires for more traction and less weight. This process -- done by hand -- takes approximately 50 hours a tire **(Image 1)**

Cyclone - A high-speed donut

Donut - When a Monster Jam truck spins in circles in one spot

Drop the Hammer - Hitting the throttle hard

Five-Point Harness - Mandatory standard driver lap belt with a strap over each shoulder to the center mounting point with straps that also connect between the legs

Four Link - A type of racing suspension used on a Monster Jam truck. The four main bars that link the front and rear axles to the frame. It can be adjusted to control how much traction the truck can get

Hole Shot - First vehicle off the start line

Hook Up - To get enough traction for fast acceleration

Nitrogen-Charged Shocks - Type of shock absorber that is filled with nitrogen **(Image 2)**

Pogo - When the truck bounces on the rear tires while standing straight up in a wheelie

Power Out - This is when a driver uses a sudden burst of acceleration to keep the truck from rolling over

Pull the Pin - The first thing that an official must do when a truck rolls over. The pin is located in the rear frame and shuts off all power to the truck

Read the Track - Determine track conditions

Roll Cage - The steel safety structure that surrounds the driver **(Image 3)**

Roll Over - When a truck rolls over completely

Sky Wheelie - When a Monster Jam truck stands straight up with the front tires in the air at a 90-degree angle

Slap Wheelie - When the front of a Monster Jam truck comes down from a wheelie and slaps itself back into another wheelie

Tranny - Transmission. Transfers power from the engine to the drive train

Wheelie - Lifting the front wheels of a Monster Jam truck off the ground and driving only on the rear wheels **(Image 4)**

TRACKS

1. Chicago Style

The most common race track in Advance Auto Parts Monster Jam today, is one of the most enjoyed racing styles because it provides for high speeds on the straightaways while also challenging the drivers to handle turns on both ends of the floor. This track was first used in Rosemont, Illinois, just outside of Chicago, thus the name Chicago style.

2. St. Louis Style

Created on the massive floor of the Edward Jones Dome in St. Louis, this is one of the largest courses ever created because there are two separate race tracks with each truck running on its own tight oval.

3. SoCal Style

This track was created for the baseball stadiums Monster Jam competes in annually in the western United States like Angels Stadium in Anaheim, California. The SoCal style race track combines left hand and right hand turns, chicanes, and even a berm to negotiate, with the trucks finishing the course by heading into the final turn where they turn toward the opponent and cross the finish line side by side.

4. Straight Line

The original Monster Jam race track, straight line race courses have provided thrills for fans and competitors alike since the first days that Monster Jam trucks begin racing each other. A straight line course finds both trucks at the starting line side by side waiting for the light to go green. Then it's all about reaction time and horsepower. The drivers can focus on putting the hammer down, and use their powerful engines to carry them past the finish line to victory.

5. Vegas Style

The race track unique to the annual Advance Auto Parts Monster Jam World Finals presented by NGK Spark Plugs at Sam Boyd Stadium in Las Vegas. The trucks roar into the stadium by negotiating the tricky chicane called Thunder Alley and then blast down the high-speed, thrill-packed straightaway, where speeds often top 70 mph. Then the machines handle the treacherous final turn before getting back on the throttle one last time for the all out race to the finish line. The Monster Jam World Finals Racing Champion is determined on this track every year.

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TRICKS

During an Advance Auto Parts Monster Jam® freestyle run, the Monster Jam trucks perform one at a time, smashing their way around (and often through) the obstacles on the track, including busses, cars, dirt jumps, semi-trailers, large recreational vehicles and more! Pushed to their physical limits, the mission is to entertain the fans and tame the track.

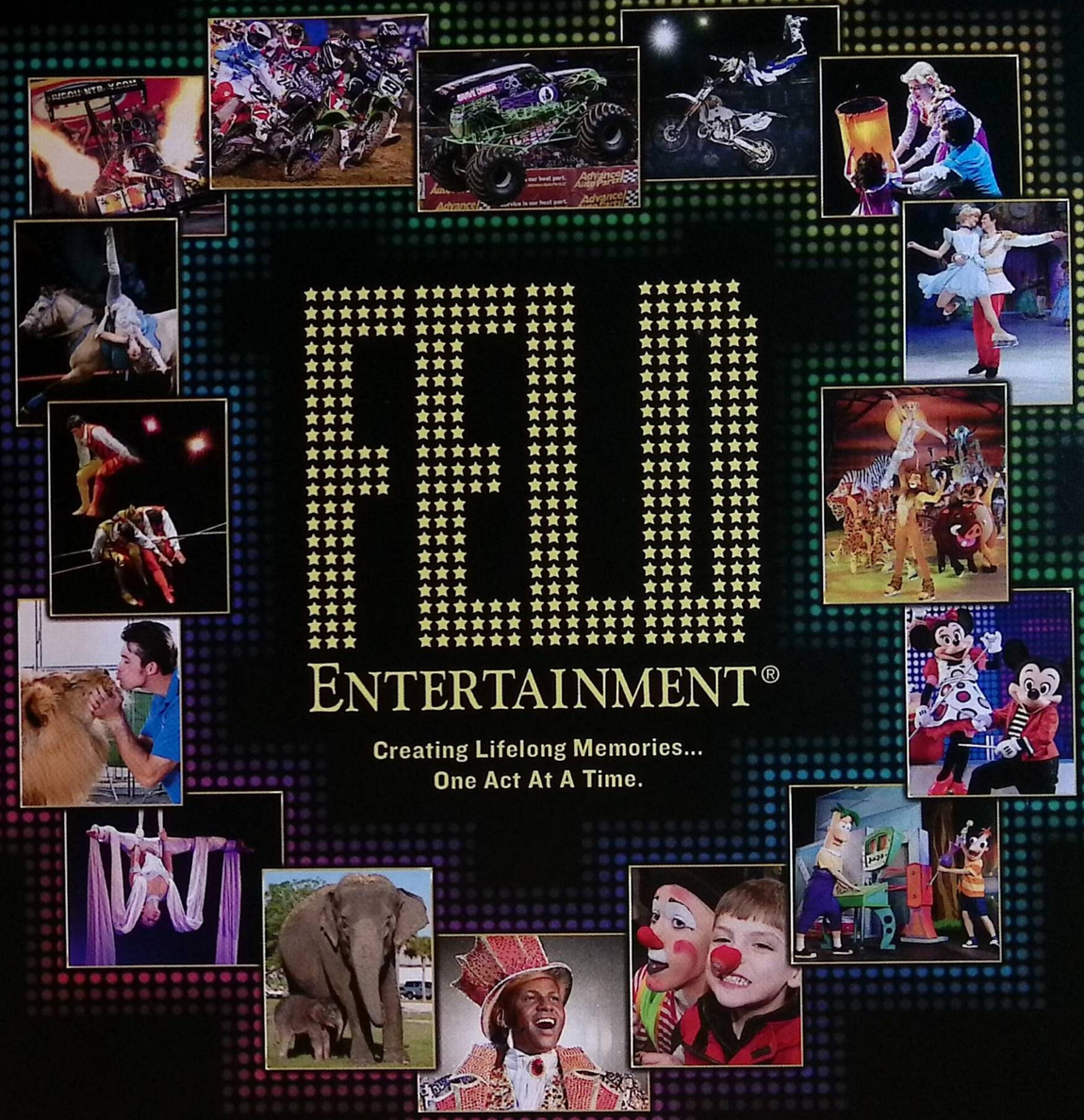
Monster Jam freestyle is scored on a scale of one to ten by the judges. Some of the criteria used to judge freestyle is listed below:

Points

- Variety of tricks
- Hitting the most obstacles on the track
- Donuts (or Cyclone Donuts)
- Spectacular stunt or "wow" factor - something unexpected or seemingly impossible
- Saves - skillfully driving to avoid a roll over or crash, often "saving" the trick by driving on the two side wheels until the truck rights itself.
- Wheelies
- Sky wheelies
- Combinations - performing multiple tricks using multiple obstacles in one pass

Deductions

- Rollovers are not good. The idea is to SAVE the truck, not end in a crash!
- Don't back up! Reverse receives a deduction.
- Failing to use the entire time allowed
- No stops! Use the full time allowed



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FREESTYLE SCORECARD

Freestyle Scoring Guidelines

Use the guidelines below to judge each monster truck's freestyle run. Enter your score 1-10, 1 being the lowest and 10 being the best. Compare your score to the official scorekeepers to see if you have what it takes to judge these monsters.

The object of being a freestyle judge is to give an accurate score based on how the vehicle performs in the allotted freestyle time. Timing starts when a truck hits it's first obstacle.

Some of the criteria to be considered in order to give an accurate score:

1. Using as many obstacles on the track as possible (cars, buses, jumps, etc.)
2. Combinations (multiple tricks using obstacles)
3. Saves (Truck on side without rolling over)
4. Bigger the air, the better the score
5. Donuts (slow/fast)
6. Cyclone Donuts
7. Reverse Donuts
8. Wheelies (fast/slow & length)
9. Sky Wheelies (height)
10. Vehicle keeps moving throughout the competition
11. Vehicle performing as many tricks as possible in the given time
12. Hitting obstacles in reverse
13. Spectacular stunt (something unexpected)

Deductions:

1. Vehicle backing up without hitting a jump or performing a reverse donut
2. Vehicle completes the freestyle without using the entire time

*Once the time has reached zero, a score must be calculated. Any extended truck performance after the allotted time cannot be considered part of the freestyle judging.

*Rollovers should not be considered when deciding final score.

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BY ANDY ROHR

With an unparalleled collection of accolades and trophies over the last decade, no Advance Auto Parts Monster Jam® superstar has left its imprint on Monster Jam in the 21st century quite like Maximum Destruction®. This year, Max-D℠ celebrates its 10th anniversary, continuing its ascent into the upper echelon of the greatest Monster Jam trucks of all time.

At the helm of this decade of destruction is Tom Meents. Meents has been behind the wheel of Max-D since day one and has seen the truck reach incredible heights. However, it's not just the multiple Monster Jam World Finals℠ championships that have helped separate Max-D from the Monster Jam pack.

"It's all the crazy runs," Meents said. "(The truck is) different from everything else. The chassis is different. The low body style is certainly unique and helps it do some of the rollover saves. Whether it's Neil (Elliott) or Kreg (Christensen) or me, the truck can pull off some jaw-dropping stunts that few others can do."

The origin of Max-D dates back to late 2002, after Meents had enjoyed amazing success under the Goldberg and Team Meents names.

"We really needed a good, catchy name that would define the truck and something that would define my driving style," Meents said. "Maximum Destruction was just the perfect fit."

Max-D then rampaged into Monster Jam competition on January 4, 2003 in Houston and very quickly earned its place as a Monster Jam headliner. In order to put a second Max-D truck on the road, Elliott joined Meents and the team began to really take shape.

While Tom Meents had achieved championship glory in previous years at the Monster Jam World Finals in Las Vegas, he first enjoyed a title behind the wheel of Max-D in 2004 in a wild freestyle event that saw a three-way tie for a championship which was also shared by Madusa® and El Toro Loco®.

"Not only is it Maximum Destruction but it's also maximum effort."

"That run in Las Vegas really defined the truck and the driving style," Meents said. "Just running it until it doesn't run anymore and just creating maximum destruction to the truck but also to the track, but in a safe environment. It was typical of what we're all about. Not only is it Maximum Destruction but it's also maximum effort."

In 2005, Max-D brought the destruction off the track, specifically to Tom Meents' old house in Paxton, IL. After building his new home, Meents destroyed his old home by jumping and crashing through it in classic Max-D style. Talk about remodeling!

"Everybody thought I was nuts," Meents said. "Maximum Destruction bought me a new home and Maximum Destruction is taking the old one out. It's the biggest thing I've ever crushed."

In 2006, Max-D was back in the Monster Jam World Finals winner's circle in freestyle. The run was highlighted by an extraordinary jump over a second Maximum Destruction driven by Elliott.

"I had been thinking about it for over a year," Meents said. "I thought that I could add some more to it by having Neil drive out ahead of me and stop. Everybody would think it was me and that I broke. I think it really turned (the show) on its ear and Max-D went on to have a phenomenal run and won."

Helping to fuel the rise of Max-D has been its rivalry with Grave Digger®. "People come up to (Dennis Anderson) and say, 'Did you see what Max-D did?' and the same with me," Meents said. "It really has made the both of us better and brought a much better show to the fans. There's absolutely no doubt about it, we both want to win!"

In 2006, Meents traveled to Europe and in Arnhem, Netherlands, he realized just how big the Maximum Destruction name had become.

"I was blown away (by the response)," Meents said. "Here's this young kid from Paxton, Illinois that never thought he would go much of anywhere around the United States, let alone take a dream, take a hobby and watch it become an international profession."

Max-D continued to push the boundaries of freestyle in Gothenburg, Sweden, in 2007, when a happy accident during its run flipped the truck upside down. The backflip was born. Trying to duplicate this all new maneuver took some time, but things all came together with a planned attempt at the 2009 Monster Jam World Finals.

"We didn't have a whole lot of time to get ready," Meents said. "You've got to

get ready for the Monster Jam World Finals and also try to pull this off. It turned out to be really cool."

Max-D also racked up another championship at the 2009 Monster Jam World Finals, winning the racing title.

In 2011, as its popularity continued to soar, a third Max-D truck, driven by Kreg Christensen, joined the fleet. To celebrate, Maximum Destruction unleashed a sight never before seen, as three Max-D trucks drove into one another in mid-air at the Monster Jam World Finals.

"It was all about destruction in the end," Meents said. "I'm going to park this truck on the top of this hill and I want you guys to hit it simultaneously. I'll be the director of destruction. It was awesome."

The year also saw Maximum Destruction outfitted with a new chassis. An unexpected result was that Max-D's racing performance improved. The truck won both the 2011 and 2012 racing titles after the switch.

"It was built for one purpose and that was to withstand more of the rigors of Advance Auto Parts Monster Jam," Meents said. "I think part of (the racing success) is that it made it different and less forgiving. It certainly breaks less."

At the completion of the 2012 Advance Auto Parts Monster Jam World Finals, Tom Meents became a 10-time world champion.

"I really feel the most at home when I'm in the most pressure-packed Monster Jam situations," Meents said. "I just relish that moment because I don't know how many more of them I have in me. When I'm there I really feel like that's it and I live for that moment."

"The greatest thing for me has been how much we've won as a team."

The Max-D legacy enjoyed another exciting chapter in early 2012. On the night of January 28th, all three Max-D trucks doubled down (winning both racing and freestyle titles) with Tom Meents dominating in New Orleans, Neil Elliott winning in Orlando and Kreg Christensen prevailing in Louisville.

"That was such a cool thing," Meents said. "The greatest thing for me has been how much we've won as a team."

Next on the agenda for Meents is landing a double backflip. The failed attempt in East Rutherford this past June only increases his hunger and Meents still believes he'll conquer the feat.

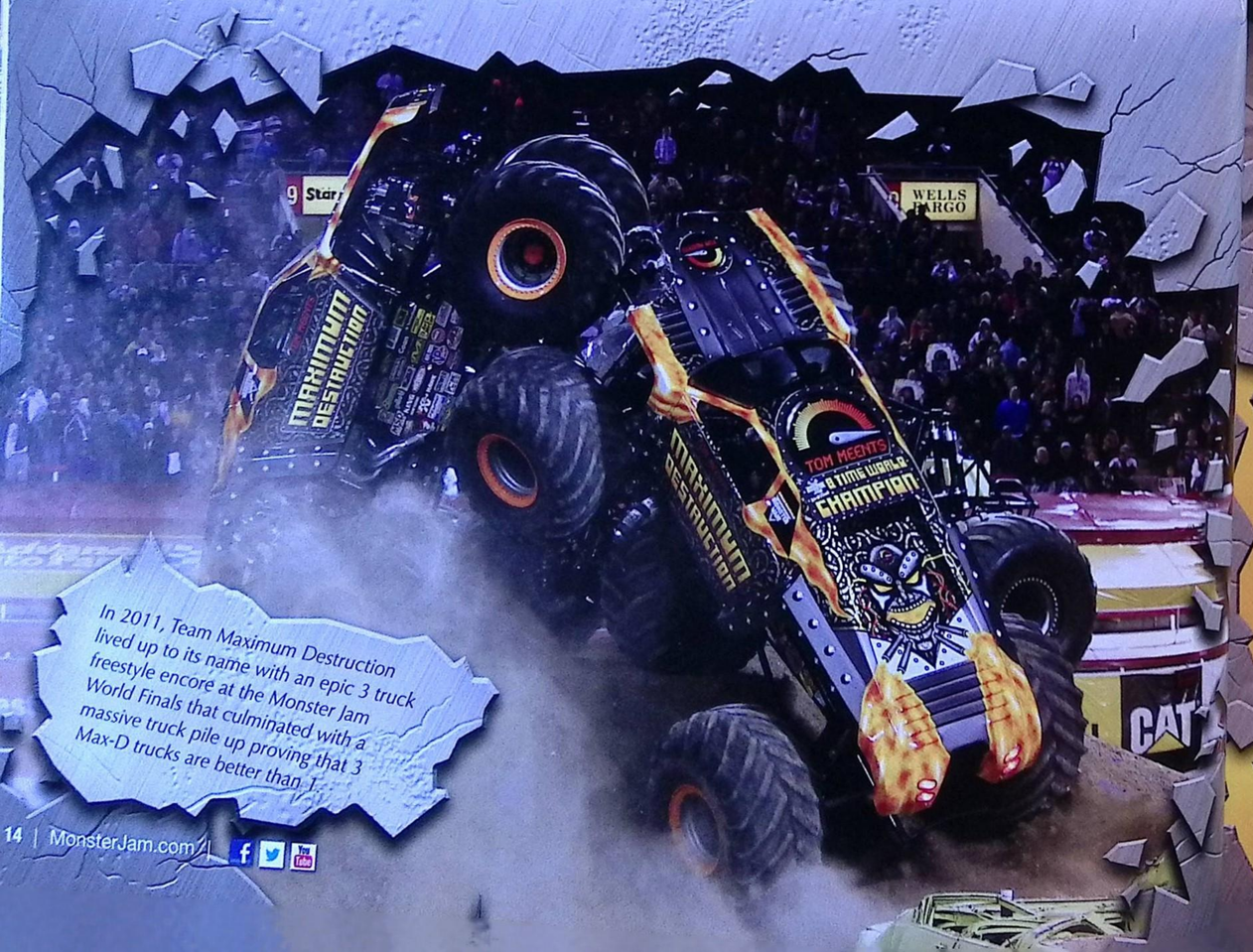
This year to commemorate its 10th anniversary, Max-D will sport a couple of all new looks - - one that's a bit more of a "glowing" version and the other two are sporting a bit more of a "spiked" look.

"We're looking to make the truck look even cooler, more appealing, especially to younger fans," Meents said.

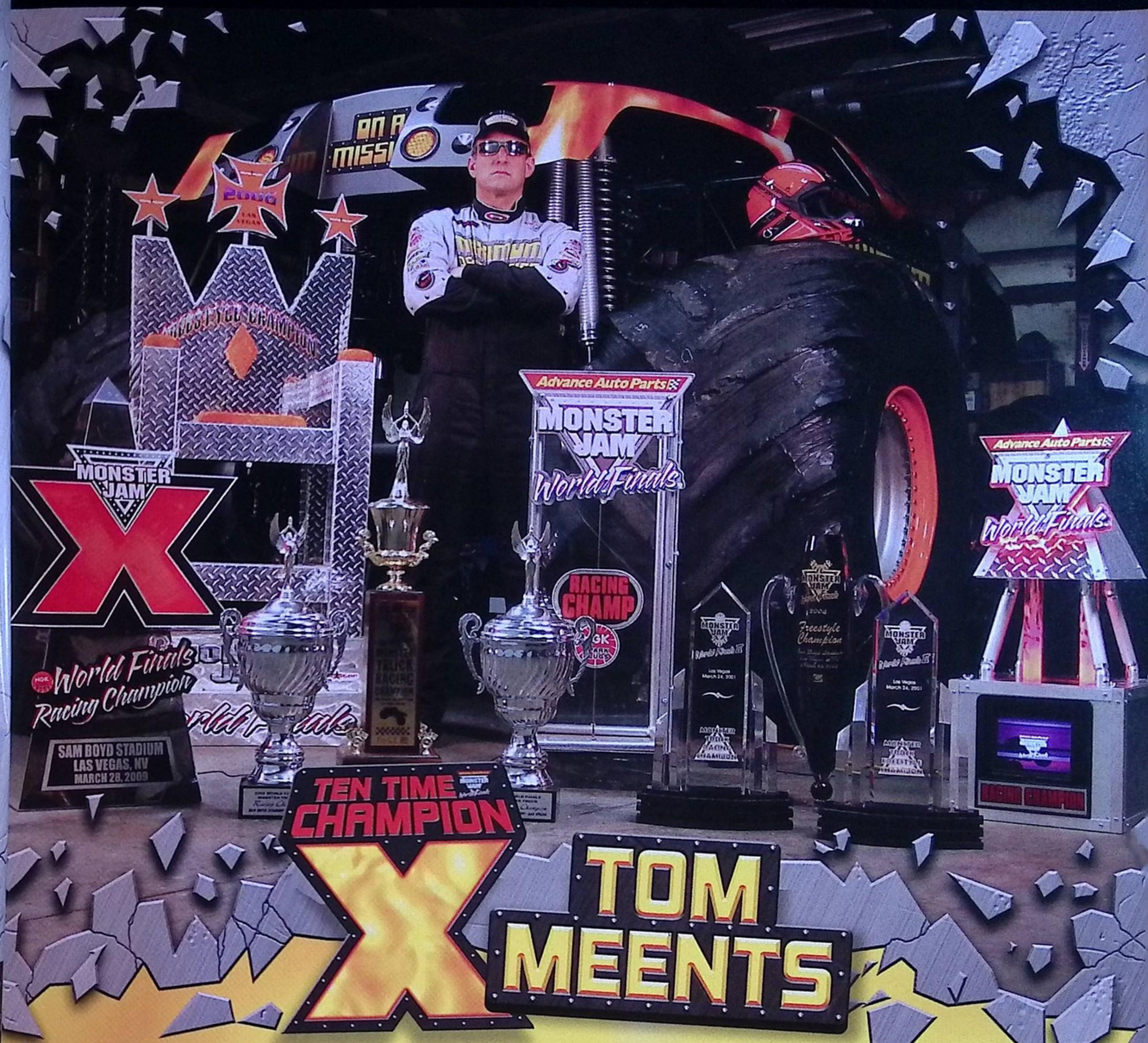
Multiple Monster Jam World Finals championships and an assortment of other memorable performances haven't dulled Tom Meents' competitive spirit. His appetite for Max-D continues to grow.

"We're going to be here another ten years," Meents said. "I'm driving harder than ever. We have a great team of drivers with Neil and Kreg. The Max-D team has gotten better than ever."

No doubt the future of Advance Auto Parts Monster Jam will be filled with MAXIMUM DESTRUCTION!



In 2011, Team Maximum Destruction lived up to its name with an epic 3 truck freestyle encore at the Monster Jam World Finals that culminated with a massive truck pile up proving that 3 Max-D trucks are better than 1.



TOM MEENTS

Before getting behind the wheel of Maximum Destruction, Tom Meents had already enjoyed incredible Advance Auto Parts Monster Jam® success, racking up five of the first six Monster Jam World Finals championships during the event's first three years.

From the time he rolled over his first truck just three days after getting his license as a 16-year-old, Meents was headed for a life in motor sports.

"I always wanted to drive a Monster Jam truck," Meents said. "They were certainly the stars of the show. I wanted to have a job where I could be famous and where I could show off."

In the late 1980s, Meents began to earn acclaim as a mud car racer and in 1994, stepped inside the Monster Patrol monster truck and never looked back.

"I'd look at the stadium floor and I'd try to figure out different ways to approach some of the standard obstacles in ways that hadn't been done in a Monster Jam truck before," Meents said.

Meents moved from driving Monster Patrol to Bulldozer® in 1999. The following year he became the driver of an all new truck, "Goldberg," named after the then-superstar pro wrestler Bill Goldberg.

Tom Meents then won the inaugural 2000 Monster Jam World Finals racing championship and swept the racing and freestyle events in Goldberg in 2001.

"It's so cool to have such a great record there, especially in racing," Meents said. "I'm really amped up about winning another freestyle (championship) there. That's my goal."

Two days later, the Goldberg body was transformed into Team Meents. Team Meents swept the Monster Jam World Finals in 2002 and before switching the name to Maximum Destruction for the 2003 season, Meents finished off the Team Meents era with a double down victory in Houston in November of 2002.

THE HISTORY OF MAXIMUM DESTRUCTION

2003

Maximum Destruction debuted at the Houston Astrodome on January 4, 2003.

2004

Max-D was part of the only 3-way tie for the Monster Jam World Finals Freestyle Championship.

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2005

Tom Meents, driving Max-D, jumped over his old house before completely smashing it.

2006

Max-D jumped over a second truck in an epic run culminating another Monster Jam World Finals Freestyle Championship.

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2007

Max-D performed an amazing stoppie half the length of the stadium floor in Atlanta.

2008

Houston 2008 - Tom drove Max-D on 3 wheels to tie for the win against Grave Digger. Dennis gave Tom the trophy stating that he was clearly the winner that night.

Max-D tore up the track as well as its own body and shocks in New Orleans.

2009

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2010

During the first ever live televised Monster Jam show on Speed, Max-D got big air which helped lead to an awesome Double Down victory in Atlanta.

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2011

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Max-D debuted a new chassis and beat out Bounty Hunter, earning the truck another Monster Jam World Finals Racing Championship.

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2012

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1 **Dennis Anderson**
"A smile like that keeps me doing what I do! It's all about the fans.... ALWAYS." Dennis Anderson, driver and creator of Grave Digger, can bring a smile to anyone's face including Tyler Mooney from Rainbow City, Alabama.

Dennis Anderson, 4-time Monster Jam World Finals Champion, driver of Grave Digger.

2 **Jim Koehler**
"The kids I meet are not cured or saved by me, but if I can bring some sort of joy, fun, and excitement to their lives, I think that is awesome! I've met some of the nicest and bravest kids and families through Make-A-Wish and I am glad to be a part of such a great organization!"

Jim Koehler, 2-time Monster Jam World Finals Champion, driver of Avenger.

3 **Tom Meents**
"I have won a lot of awards in Monster Jam, but nothing is more rewarding than the joy and positive impact you can have on these great kids!"

Tom Meents, 10-time Monster Jam World Finals Champion, driver of Maximum Destruction.

NORTHERN NIGHTMARE

By: Brian Rog

When six-year veteran of the Advance Auto Parts Monster Jam® tour Cam McQueen of Calgary, Alberta, received the news that he would be driving the new Canadian-themed Monster Jam truck, words couldn't describe the excitement and pride he felt. The responsibility of driving Northern Nightmare℠ was a huge undertaking, but McQueen was ready for the challenge and excited to take the reins of a truck that symbolized his homeland.

"When I was told that there was going to be a Canadian-themed truck and that I would be the one driving it, the sense of pride that took over was indescribable," McQueen said. "It's truly an honor to be part of something so monumental and symbolic to our country. It was a collective effort, and without such a committed team, this wouldn't have been possible. We had an incredible year and look forward to defending our Monster Jam World Finals℠ freestyle title in 2013."

Northern Nightmare went on to conquer its fellow competitors and win the 2012 Advance Auto Parts Monster Jam World Finals presented by NGK Spark Plugs freestyle championship, becoming only the third Monster Jam truck in the history of the Monster Jam World Finals to win a freestyle championship in its debut season—a feat achieved only by Monster Jam's elite 10-time Monster Jam World Finals champion Maximum Destruction and Captain's Curse. This championship was backed by a year of outstanding results and unrivaled performances.

"IT'S TRULY AN HONOR TO BE PART OF SOMETHING SO MONUMENTAL AND SYMBOLIC TO OUR COUNTRY."

It's no surprise that McQueen has proven to be the right man for the job—as Monster Jam's 2010 Rising Star award winner, he is no stranger to being in the spotlight. Prior to his stint with Northern Nightmare, McQueen won multiple racing and freestyle events and competed in five Monster Jam World Finals driving Nitro Circus and Pastrana199. He also became one of the first Monster Jam drivers to land a backflip during a scored competition in Jacksonville, FL.

Monster Jam's expansion into Canada can be traced back to 1990 when it first performed for fans in Toronto. In the more than 22 years since Canada has been a part of Monster Jam, it has established an incredible history and devoted fan base. Canada was also the first country outside of the United States to host the world's most recognizable Monster Jam trucks, including Grave Digger®, Max-D℠ and many more.

Advance Auto Parts Monster Jam commemorated this milestone by hosting a contest on MonsterJam.com that encouraged Canadians to submit their ideas for Canadian-themed truck names to be featured in the Monster Jam lineup.

Entries for the contest were judged on a variety of criteria, including originality, creativity, capacity to evoke Canadian pride, and ability to capture and reflect the essence of the Monster Jam brand in Canada. Following the month-long contest, which attracted thousands of entries, Monster Jam revealed the winning name: Northern Nightmare. The winning entry was submitted by Monster Jam fan Greg Duclos of Thronhill, Ontario.

Monster Jam fans got their first glimpse of Northern Nightmare on November 30, 2011, at the media unveiling inside Toronto's Rogers Centre, with McQueen poised alongside. The inaugural Maple Leaf Monster Jam® Tour—which opened in London, Ontario, and then traveled to Toronto, Vancouver, British Columbia, Edmonton, Alberta, and Winnipeg, Manitoba, before wrapping up in Calgary, McQueen's hometown—now had its own homegrown superstar.

Northern Nightmare is decorated with red maple leaves on a black and gray background. It weighs in at 10,000 pounds, is 12 feet tall, 12 feet wide, sits atop 66-inch-tall tires, and is powered by a big-block V-8 Merlin engine capable of producing 1,500 horsepower.

Northern Nightmare flourished throughout its Monster Jam Tour debut season. Driven by McQueen, it dominated the second show of the tour in London, Ontario, sweeping all three events (racing, freestyle, and the wheelie contest). These victories set the stage for Northern Nightmare to intimidate any competitors who would dare stand in the way. Northern Nightmare went on to win four additional freestyle and wheelie contests and three racing events, becoming the winningest truck in the Maple Leaf Monster Jam Tour in 2012.

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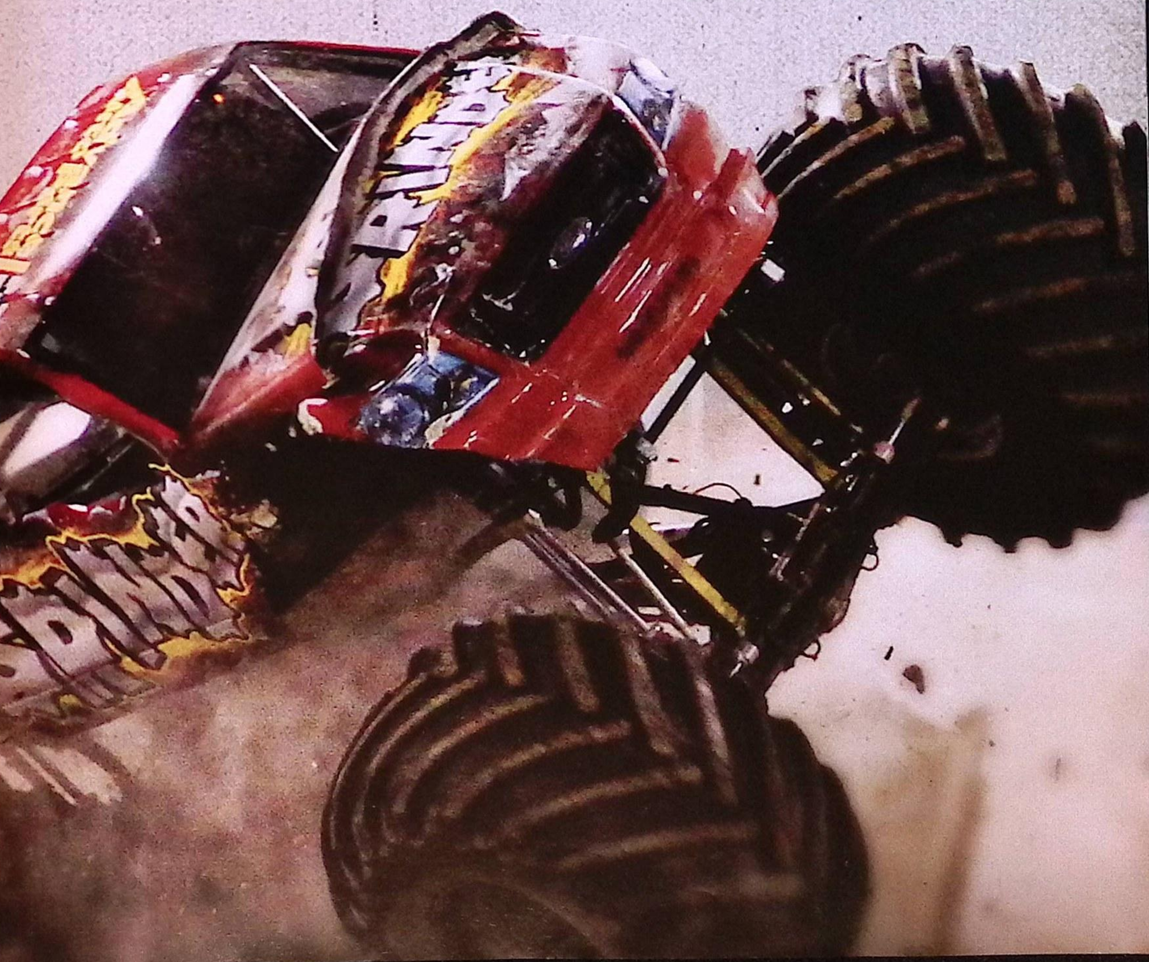


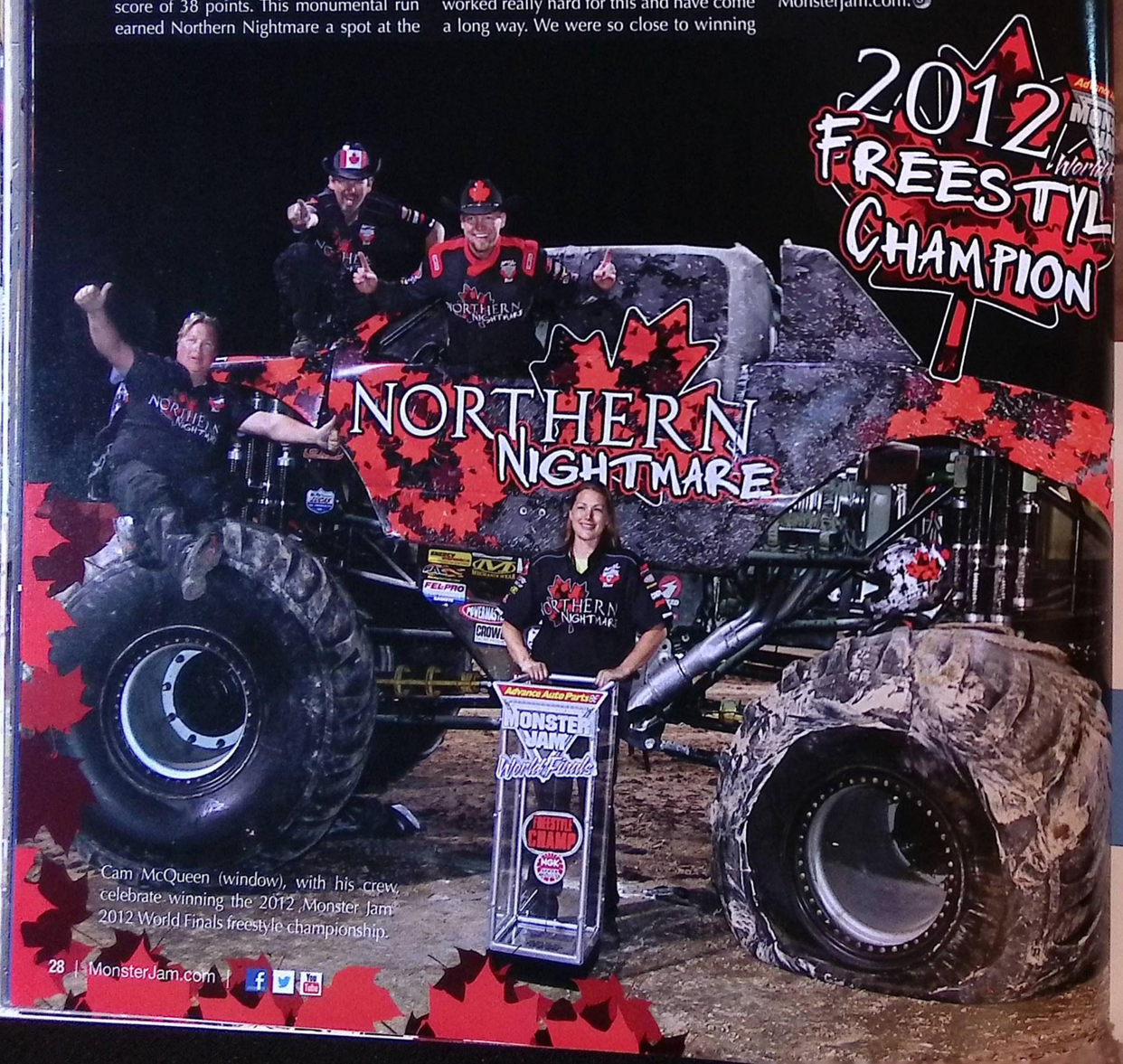
As a result of its stellar performances throughout its debut season, Northern Nightmare earned a spot in the lineup at the prestigious Monster Jam World Finals. With all the attention on Northern Nightmare's incredible first season, its true abilities would be put to the test against the world's top Monster Jam trucks in this all-star–lineup event.

Northern Nightmare stole the show in epic fashion. McQueen kicked off Northern Nightmare's freestyle run by negotiating the floor and defying the limits of gravity in his 10,000-pound counterpart. The freestyle run continued by controlling a front-side end-over-end flip followed by a perfect backflip, ultimately putting together one of the most impressive performances in Monster Jam World Finals history and earning a score of 38 points. This monumental run earned Northern Nightmare a spot at the top of the standings with 38 out of 40 points. With the closest challenger six points behind, Northern Nightmare would best the 24-truck lineup to lock in the 2012 Monster Jam World Finals freestyle championship.

"IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT IT IS. IF YOU WANT TO DO SOMETHING, GO OUT THERE AND DO IT."

"To win the Advance Auto Parts Monster Jam World Finals freestyle title is amazing," McQueen exclaimed. "We worked really hard for this and have come a long way. We were so close to winning last year [in Nitro Circus], but it was a great experience regardless. I'd like to thank all of the people who made it happen for me personally—not just in Monster Jam but also in my life. I'm literally living the dream. I remember sitting in the stands thinking to myself, 'Man, that would be cool to drive a Monster Jam truck one day,' and here I am. Even to this day, I tell the kids to follow their dreams. It doesn't matter what it is. If you want to do something, go out there and do it."

McQueen has shown his fellow Canadians that he is the right man for the job and will continue to take their beloved Northern Nightmare truck to the top. Visit MonsterJam.com for details regarding Northern Nightmare and its upcoming competition schedule. For exclusive Northern Nightmare merchandise, visit Monsterjam.com.



Cam McQueen (window), with his crew, celebrate winning the 2012 Monster Jam 2012 World Finals freestyle championship.

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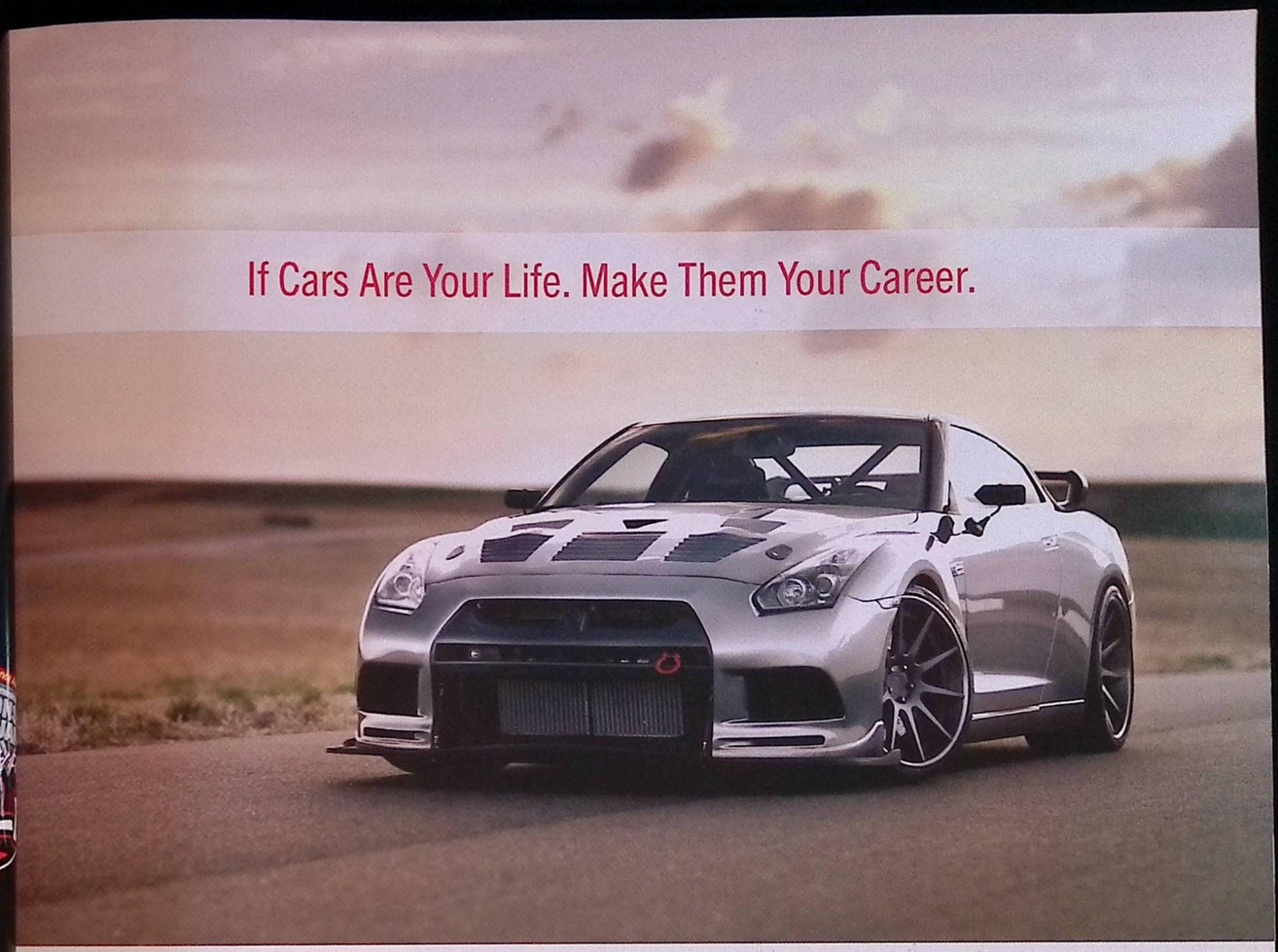

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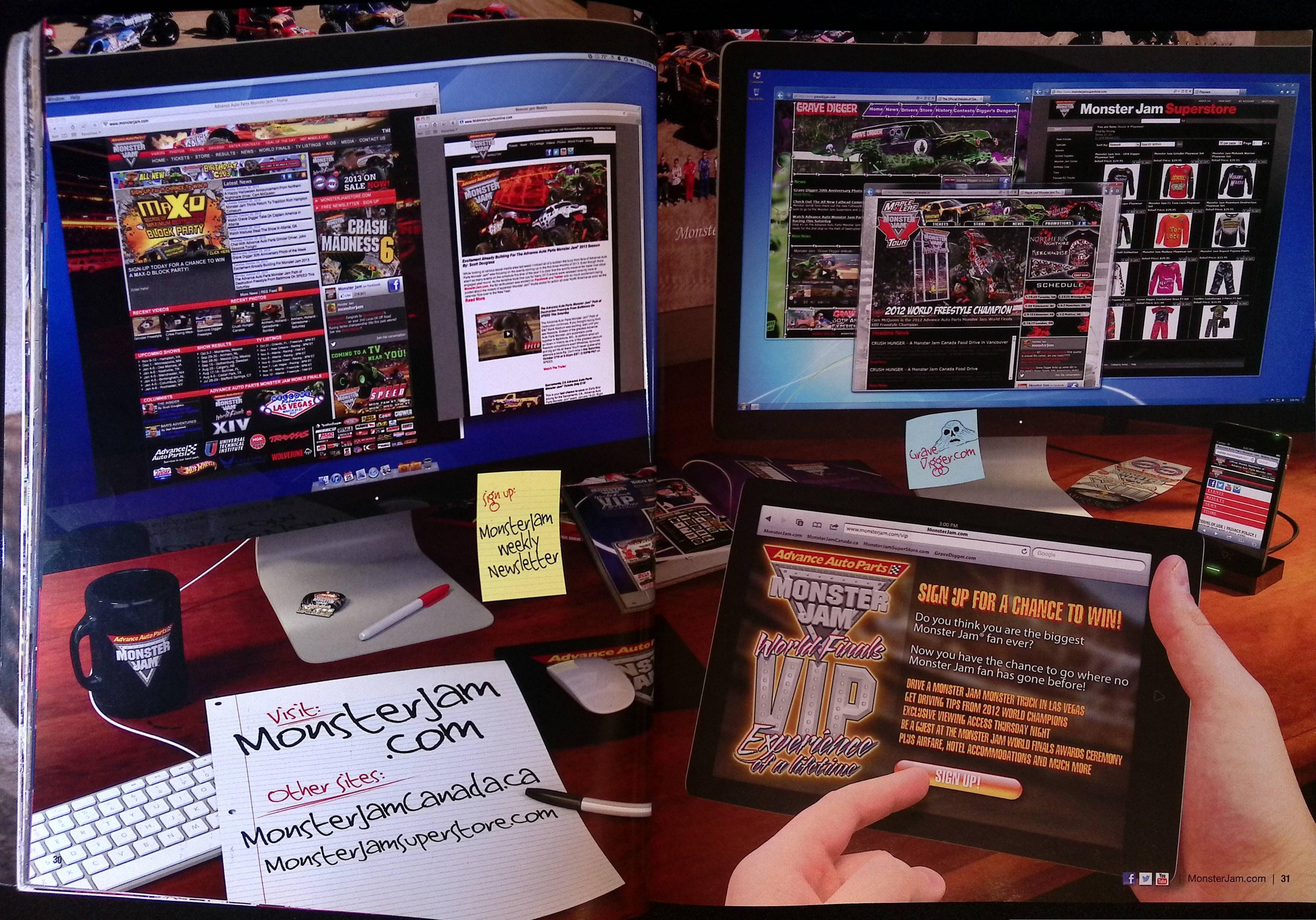
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Advance Auto Parts Monster Jam World Finals Young Guns Shootout

BY TRAVIS HAWKES

Avenger driver Jim Koehler said it best: "It's scary being an older guy, because these younger guys can bring it and push us older guys out," he chuckled in an interview before the first ever Advance Auto Parts Monster Jam World Finals Young Guns Shootout℠. The wild two-time Monster Jam World Finals℠ Freestyle Champion needs no pep talk to be ready when the lights go green, but he surely meant what he said. After the Young Guns Shootout was underway, everybody in Sam Boyd Stadium knew there was a bright future for Advance Auto Parts Monster Jam®.

The race doesn't just serve as a wake-up call to the racers. It's to show the fans, whether it's their first race or their 50th, that there are some newcomers to the Monster Jam® circuit, and they're ready. There's nothing better than showing up to a race one day and saying, "I knew about 'em way back when." And if your Young Guns Shootout pick was Spider-Man driver, Bari Musawwir, you don't have to wonder—that time is now.

Musawwir's 2012 Advance Auto Parts Monster Jam season was an incredible one. With seven racing wins this past season, his first-year win count is only surpassed by Morgan Kane's total of eight. Taking to the bright lights of Sam Boyd Stadium in Las Vegas would seem to be just another day at the 1,500-horsepower office for Mr. Bari Musawwir (pronounced BAR-ee MOOSE-ow-ear), but he would have to fend off seven other rookies in order to be crowned the Young Guns Shootout champion. All of these rookies had more than their fair share of experience and wanted the trophy just as badly as Musawwir.

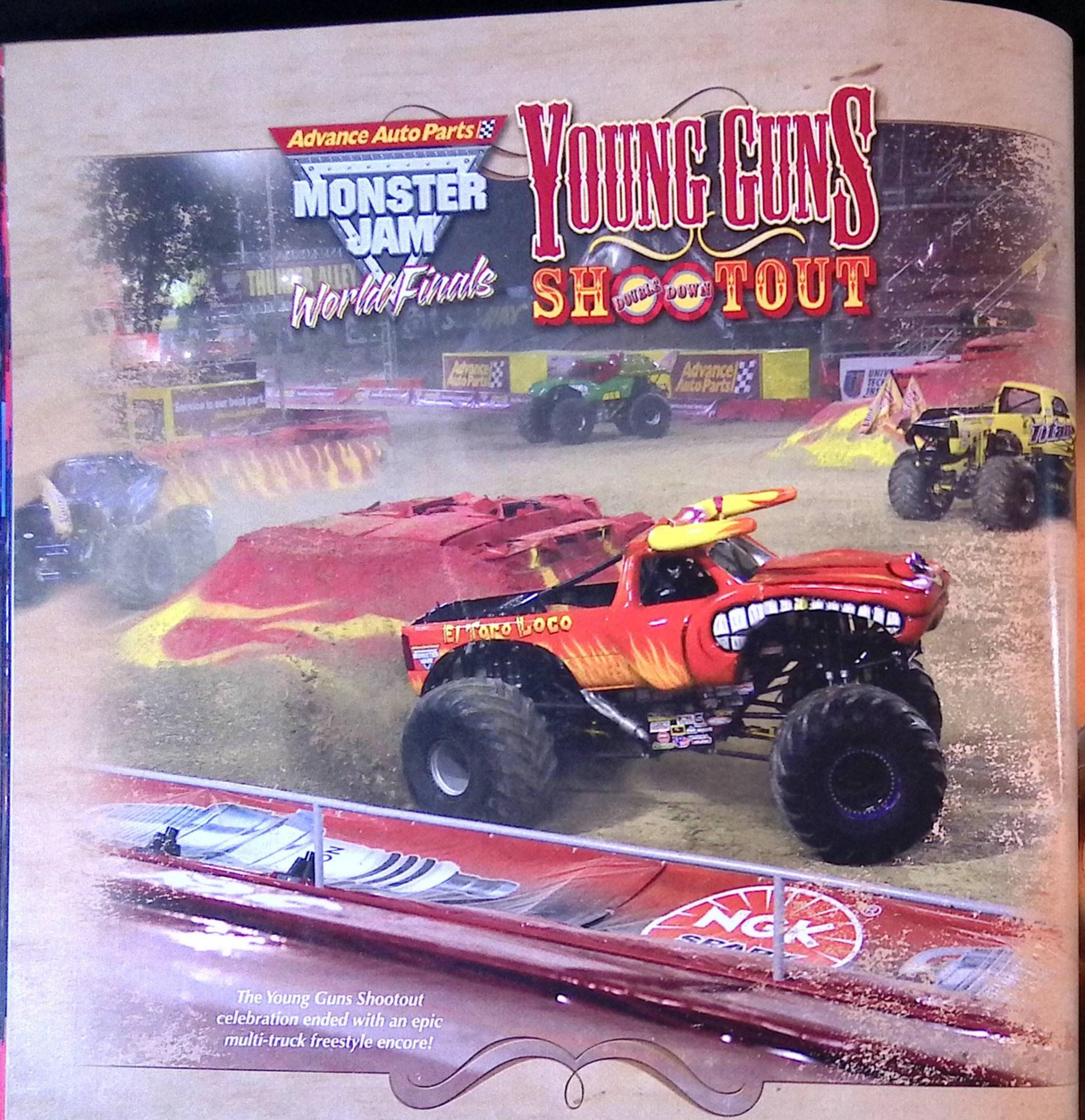
The race started with Kane—driving Stone Crusher—who had the momentum going into the season finale, taking down Joey Parnell in the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle™ truck by a nose. Musawwir won his matchup with Donald Epidendio's Titan truck by a similar margin, if not less. The rest of the first round belonged to the ladies. Nicole Johnson tossed the Advance Auto Parts Grinder℠ truck around the track with ease, besting Scott Buetow in the popular Iron Man™. Team El Toro Loco®'s Becky McDonough took down JR McNeal and Razin' Kane.

Musawwir and Kane matched up in the semifinals, and, though they were both entering at the top of their game, Musawwir was determined to make a statement. Driving Spider-Man, he never saw a taillight as Musawwir led the whole race and rumbled into the championship round. Johnson bested McDonough in the other semifinal race and took Grinder into the ring to compete for the first ever Advance Auto Parts Monster Jam World Finals Young Guns Shootout title.

The championship race was one for the books. Musawwir's start was nearly flawless, catapulting him into an early lead. Johnson came out lightning fast and was neck and neck with Musawwir going into the turn. But this race isn't just about power. You have to have "the touch" in the 180-degree, hairpin turn at the end of the straightaway. Musawwir glided through the turn as Johnson spun out, and he emphatically parked his Spider-Man truck in the middle of the stadium and emerged victorious as the fireworks went off.

The inaugural Advance Auto Parts Monster Jam World Finals Young Guns Shootout set the benchmark that all new drivers will aspire to when they punch their tickets to Las Vegas: to be crowned the Young Guns Shootout champion.

The inaugural Advance Auto Parts Monster Jam World Finals Young Guns Shootout℠ competitors, clockwise from top left: JR McNeal, Donald Epidendio, Morgan Kane, Bari Musawwir, Joey Parnell, Becky McDonough, Nicole Johnson and Scott Buetow.



The Young Guns Shootout celebration ended with an epic multi-truck freestyle encore!

Let's take a look at the drivers who raced and rumbled their way into the 2012 Advance Auto Parts Monster Jam World Finals Young Guns Shootout℠.

Joey Parnell

Owner and operator of his own four-wheeler shop, one could definitely say that Joey Parnell takes his work home with him. Parnell was added to the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle™ (TMNT) team in 2011. With experience in mud racing and other forms of motor sports, Parnell has set a solid foundation for a potentially long Monster Jam career.

Nicole Johnson

With more than 17 years of four-wheeling and rock-climbing under her belt, former Tasmanian Devil driver Nicole Johnson is one of the most-experienced competitors in Monster Jam. Johnson took charge and stepped into some big shoes when Frank Krmel, then-driver of the Advance Auto Parts Grinder℠, suffered an injury, leaving a spot open on the Grinder team. Johnson will get a new ride in 2013, when she will pilot the brand new Scooby-Doo truck.

Becky McDonough

A protege of both Madusa® and Cam McQueen, Becky McDonough is tough and trained. Having worked her way from the ground up, McDonough started out behind the scenes as a mechanic before getting her shot behind the wheel. Following her time driving the Dragon's Breath™ truck, McDonough joined the El Toro Loco® team in early 2012. The El Toro Loco team has been making noise for over a decade—and with the addition of McDonough, they aim to make even more noise in 2013!

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Scott Buetow
Before he started training for Monster Jam in 2008, Scott Buetow had more than enough experience with loud engines and dirt ramps. Having been involved with motocross since before he'd turned 7, Scott definitely had the pedigree worthy of joining the Iron Man team, which debuted their truck in Atlanta's Georgia Dome on January 9th, 2010. Scott joined Lee O'Donnell and created one of the most powerful teams in Monster Jam. Scott will move into the brand new Team Hot Wheels Firestorm truck in 2013.

JR McNeal
JR McNeal is as much a fan of Monster Jam trucks as he is a driver. Although an experienced mud racer, he is still new to the world of Monster Jam. McNeal's first time behind the wheel of a 12-foot truck was in January 2011, and he started the Florida-based Razin' Kane team a year later.

Morgan Kane
Being close to the Anderson family, Morgan Kane grew up with Monster Jam trucks next door. Kane had quite the Monster Jam debut while piloting Stone Crusher in 2011, beating friend Ryan Anderson and everyone else who showed up to race in the Minneapolis Metrodome—an epic knock-down, drag-out battle between 16 of the world's most famous Monster Jam trucks. Emerging as champion in Minneapolis at only 22 years old, the youngest in the field, Kane looks to have a promising future in the sport.

Bari Musawwir
Bari Musawwir got his taste for racing after winning a radio-controlled monster truck event in 2006. Driving the Spider-Man truck since 2011, his racing success has continued. Spider-Man first debuted in 2001 in Oakland, Calif., and the team competed until 2003. The truck returned in January of 2010 in Columbus, Ohio, making Musawwir, a Cleveland native, the perfect match for the Spider-Man team.

Donald Epidendio
Titan driver Donald Epidendio got his start in Monster Jam much like an unknown rock band gets their soon-to-be hit on the radio: he made a demo tape. A focused driver, Epidendio has been tearing up tire treads since he was young and needs to let loose every once in a while. According to MonsterJam.com, his go-to movie is the cult-classic "Bio-Dome." One of the newest additions to the Monster Jam lineup, Titan debuted in January 2012.

The inaugural Advance Auto Parts Monster Jam World Finals Young Guns Shootout℠ was an incredible way to start out the 2012 Monster Jam World Finals Double Down. Watch out for these drivers in the years to come and for next year's Young Guns Shootout to feature more up and coming racers ripping up the track!

Bari may have started out in R/C cars, but he's certainly learned to "control" the real deal!

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(inset photos, clockwise from right)

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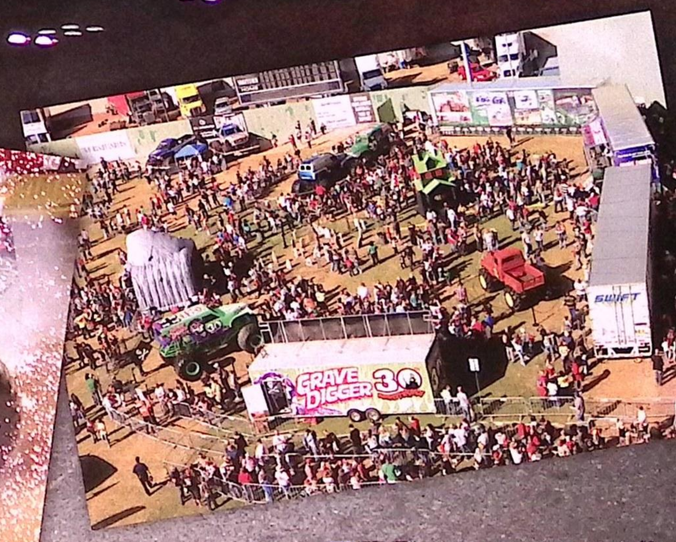
Dennis alternated each week between the purple and green "Grim" paint schemes, until he drove the chrome 3D logo variations (shown in the main photo) at Monster Jam World Finals XIII.



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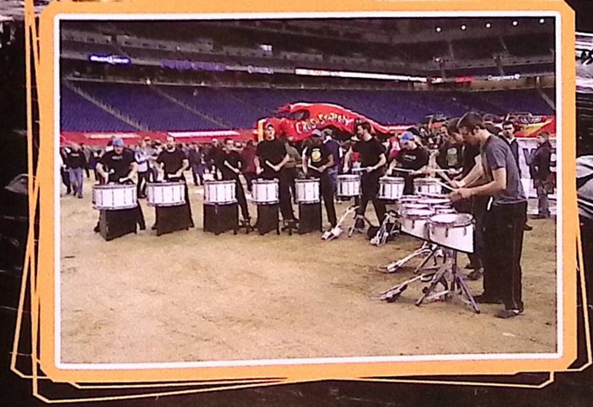

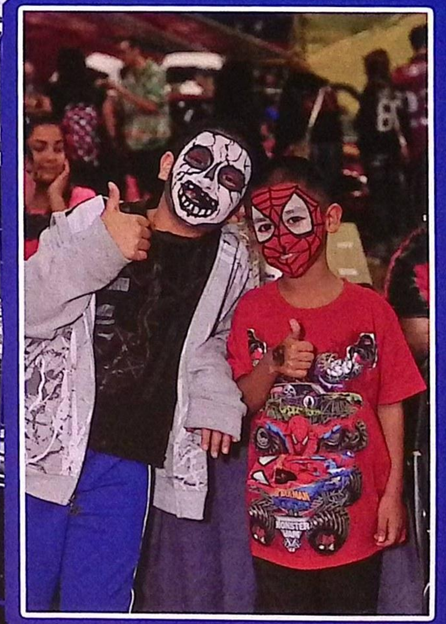

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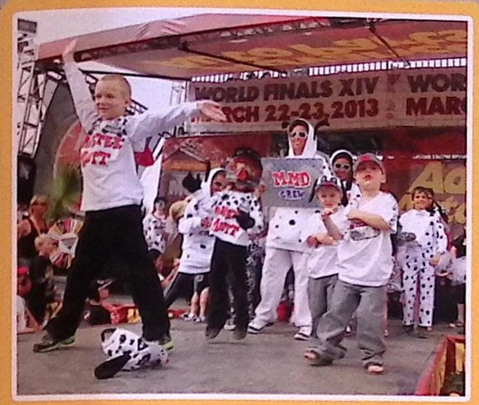

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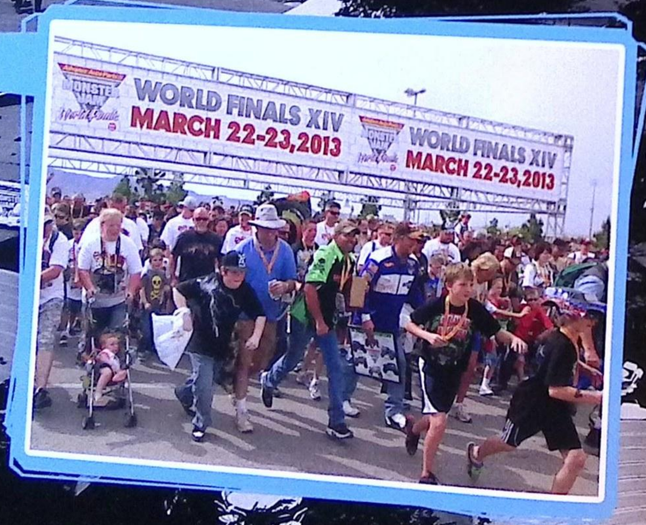

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WHAT HAPPENED IN VEGAS

MEENTS AND MCQUEEN TAKE THE CROWNS AT 13TH ADVANCE AUTO PARTS MONSTER JAM WORLD FINALS℠

By Scott Douglass

Advance Auto Parts Monster Jam World Finals℠ XIII presented by NGK Spark Plugs will go down as one of the most incredible weekends in the sport's long history. Sam Boyd Stadium in Las Vegas was once again sold out with fans coming to the mega event from every U.S. state, every Canadian province and a dozen other countries to watch the sport's best battle for the two greatest annual prizes in Monster Jam®. With tens of thousands of fans cheering on their feet, the biggest celebrations were in the Maximum Destruction® and Northern Nightmare® pits.

Tom Meents did it again behind the wheel of Max-D℠, winning his second straight Monster Jam World Finals Racing Championship, the sixth racing title of his career. In the closest championship race in the event's 13-year history, Meents powered Maximum Destruction to victory over Damon Bradshaw and Monster Energy by .02 seconds—earning Meents his record-extending 10th overall Monster Jam World Finals championship. In freestyle, Cam McQueen and Northern Nightmare erased all memories of losing the previous year's championship with a show-stopping freestyle run that included both a front end over end flip and another beautifully executed backflip—giving Northern Nightmare the Monster Jam World Finals Freestyle Championship on its very first year on the circuit.

The 2012 trip to Vegas also included a never-before-seen event as eight of the sport's fastest-rising stars competed in the first-ever Advance Auto Parts Monster Jam World Finals Young Guns Shootout℠, which became one of the highlights of the incredible Double Down festivities on Friday, March 23. It was Bari Musawwir who claimed the Young Guns Shootout title, driving Spider-Man to the final win over Nicole Johnson and Advance Auto Parts Grinder®. Also on Double Down Friday night, newcomer Todd LeDuc shocked the 24-truck lineup when he drove Metal Mulisha to the fastest time in qualifying to earn the number-one seed in Saturday night's race bracket.

When the light went green on Saturday night, however, it was clear that Max-D and Monster Energy were headed on a collision course for the title. Former Monster Jam World Finals freestyle champ Bradshaw had his greatest racing night ever in Vegas as Monster Energy mowed through some of the sport's premier trucks on his march to the final round, defeating Grave Digger, Lucas Oil Crusader, and Wolverine. Monster Energy ran a great final-round race, but Max-D crossed the finish line inches in front.

McQueen was in a league of his own in the freestyle competition, posting one of the highest freestyle scores in Monster Jam World Finals history. McQueen's 38-point score was 6 points higher than runner-up Bounty Hunter—an unusually comfortable margin of victory in the sport's most difficult competition to win.

Now, it's on to Advance Auto Parts Monster Jam World Finals XIV, where Meents will try to power Max-D to what would be a record-tying third straight championship and McQueen will try to take Northern Nightmare, the pride of the Monster Jam Maple Leaf Tour, to a second straight world title. The next edition of Monster Jam's greatest spectacle is on tap again in Las Vegas, with the Double Down festivities scheduled for March 22, 2013, and the battle for the two Monster Jam World Finals championships takes center stage Saturday, March 23.

THE AFTER PARTY

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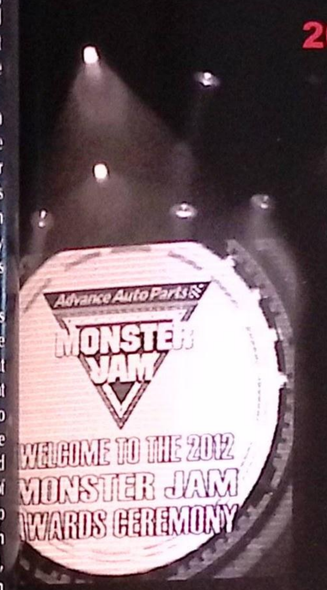

2012 AWARDS WINNERS

Arena Freestyle of the Year (Fan Vote)
Grave Digger – Dennis Anderson – Birmingham

Stadium Freestyle of the Year (Fan Vote)
Max-D – Neil Elliott – Orlando

Arena Wheelie of the Year (Fan Vote)
Grave Digger – Pablo Huffaker – Corpus Christi
Northern Nightmare – Cam McQueen – London

Stadium Wheelie of the Year (Fan Vote)
Grave Digger – Charlie Pauken – Derby

Save of the Year – (Fan Vote)
El Toro Loco – Chuck Werner – Jacksonville

Donut of the Year
El Toro Loco – Marc McDonald – Cedar Park

Crash Madness
Grave Digger – Dennis Anderson – Jacksonville
Max-D – Tom Meents – St. Louis

Extreme Air Award
Avenger – Jim Koehler – Tampa

Wow Factor of the Year
Grinder – Lupe Soza – Atlanta

Rising Star Award
Stone Crusher – Morgan Kane

Rookie of the Year
Razin Kane – JR McNeal
Titan – Donald Epidendio

Sportsman of the Year
Monster Trakker – Ron Duncobme

Team of the Year
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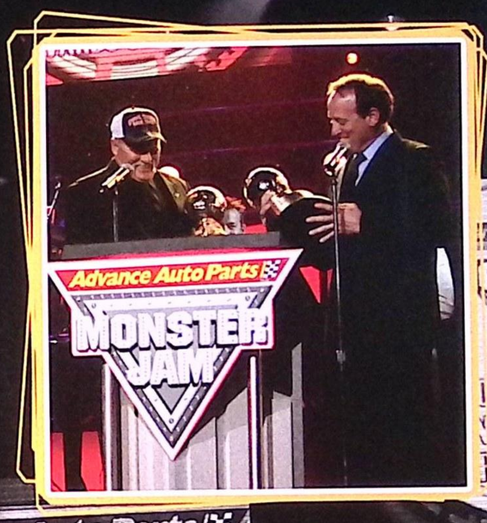
Mechanic of the Year
Coty Saucier – Monster Energy
Aaron Basl – El Toro Loco/Grave Digger

Monster Jam World Finals Racing Champion
Tom Meents – Max-D

Monster Jam World Finals Freestyle Champion
Cam McQueen – Northern Nightmare

Bad to the Bone for 30 Years Tribute Award
Dennis Anderson – Grave Digger



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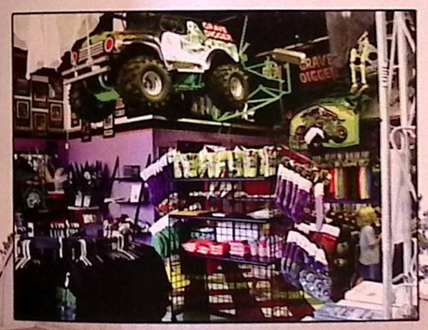

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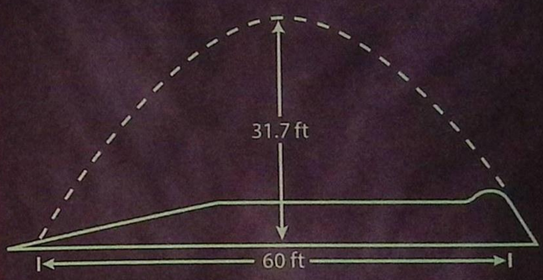
The Science of BIG AIR

Former Advance Auto Parts Monster Jam World Finals℠ champion Avenger demonstrated to fans in Tampa, Florida, what a great freestyle performance is made of and took home the trophy for the night. Avenger and driver Jim Koehler filled the clock with destruction, donuts, crosscuts, a save, some combinations and a healthy dose of big air—hitting every obstacle on the track.

One particular jump, shown here, resulted in monstrous air and some spectacular photos. This jump wasn't the biggest in Monster Jam® history, but it was nonetheless amazing considering Koehler launched the 10,000-pound Avenger off of a relatively small jump that was cut into the racing lane.

Monster Jam jumps can measure as high as 14 feet, but Koehler launched the Avenger to a comparable height from a jump that was only about 7 feet tall. Using a combination of known jump variables and measurements recorded by photos and frame-by-frame video, we can calculate the exact height of the jump using math and science.



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INSIDE Monster Jam Television Broadcast

Advance Auto Parts

By: Kelly Hanson

It is sensory overload! It's hard to convey the sounds, the smells and the feeling you get when your favorite Monster Jam® trucks roar across the stadium floor at Advance Auto Parts Monster Jam live events, but the TV Production Team tries to authentically capture each and every moment and bring it to you at home on your television. Here's an inside look into the making of one of our shows.

After weeks of meetings and planning, each camera is carefully placed around the stadium to capture the very best angles. Each camera is then hooked up and ready for action. Robotic cameras are used at many of the events—including the Advance Auto Parts World Finals℠ in Las Vegas—both for the safety of the operators and the quality of the footage. The cameras are placed very close to the floor and operated from a control room about 300 yards away.

An average of 15-20 GoPro on-board cameras are used in every Monster Jam TV production. They are installed on various parts of the Monster Jam trucks to cover a perspective the other cameras can't reach. Some of the cameras are used inside the cab of the truck and some are used on the body or frame of the truck. They capture some very unique angles and give an inside look into what the drivers experience during the show.

After every camera is set up, the production crew makes their way over to the Party in the Pits with Scott Douglass, Advance Auto Parts Monster Jam announcer, and he interviews each and every one of the drivers competing at the event. It's a great time to film the drivers while they are relaxed and enjoying the time spent with the fans—but they are always on their toes, because they never know what Douglass is going to ask them. Damon Bradshaw, driver of Monster Energy, talks candidly with Douglass about how he plans to attack the freestyle obstacles.

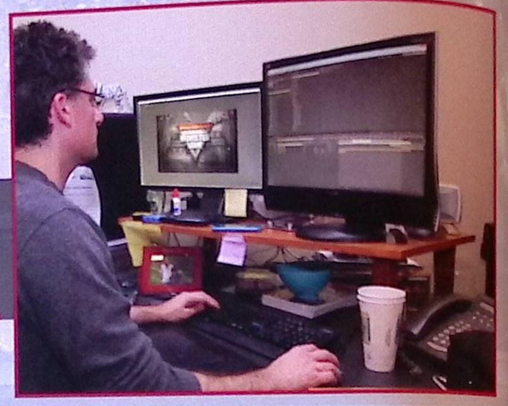
The crew also produces all of the feature stories seen in the shows. You never know what to expect in the interviews, but, whatever it is, cameras are right there capturing every moment. At M&T Bank Stadium in Baltimore, Monster Mutt® Dalmatian driver, Candice Jolly, did a super-fan feature piece. This family trucked in more than 1,000 Hot Wheels Monster Jam toys from their personal collection. Jolly interviewed them for a story, and, as you can see, she got quite a kick out of it!

Now it's showtime, and every camera is in position and ready to go. To get things started, executive producer Mike McFarlin picks a driver to get the crowd pumped up. Mark Schroeder, Advance Auto Parts Monster Jam color analyst, asks Tom. Meents, 10-time World Champion and driver of Max-D℠, what his freestyle plans for the night are. Everyone is super pumped about it—including the Baltimore Ravens cheerleaders.

During the show, cameras are right there for every run—even when it ends badly. Sometimes, the microphone is just turned over to the driver, and they get the crowd all jacked up. Madusa® is definitely a crowd favorite here at Lincoln Financial Field in Philadelphia. She's telling everyone why she is the Queen of Carnage!

Dennis Anderson, driver of Grave Digger®, wins again! The Monster Jam production team always captures the celebration with the driver and crew when they win. At M&T Bank Stadium in Baltimore, Anderson gets his first Double Down℠ win with his new crew members, Daniel Crawford and Tyson Swinhart. Congratulations to the new team! This is a moment in history caught by our cameras.

The Monster Jam production team works intimately behind the scenes with the drivers. Young Guns Shootout℠ champion and driver of Spider-Man™, Bari Musawwir, and 10-time World Champion and driver of Max-D, Tom Meents, sat down and asked each other questions for the 2013 Monster Jam preview show on CBS. Hours of lighting and setup went into this interview.



Senior graphic designer John DeFronzo adds an extra layer of visual enhancement to the Advance Auto Parts Monster Jam television shows through the use of special effects, video and sound manipulation and animations.

Monster Jam's director of post production Darren Lilke brings everyone's hard work together. For each television production, the producers bring home more than 40 hours of raw footage from the live event, and it's then the editor's job to cut down all of the footage into two one-hour shows featuring racing and freestyle. Choosing the most compelling interviews and the most jaw-dropping camera angles and building the most dramatic storylines can be a daunting task for the editor, but the reward in the end is an action-packed Monster Jam television show.

Before the shows are sent out to SPEED and CBS, Scott Douglass and Mark Schroeder, Advance Auto Parts Monster Jam host and color analyst, are brought into the studio one last time to add any last-minute analysis to the television programs. Sometimes, they have special guests like Ryan Anderson, driver of Son-Uva-Digger®, share their firsthand expertise in the booth. The shows are then mastered in house and sent out to the networks for broadcast.

The Advance Auto Parts Monster Jam television crew loves bringing you all of the stadium and arena action right to the comfort of your home. The next time you see the TV crew at a show, hold those signs high and show your team spirit. Come tell the cameras your story. The crew loves putting the wildest fans on TV. Who knows, maybe you will be in the next Advance Auto Parts Monster Jam television show!

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▲ Scott Douglass and Mark Schroeder are the TV voices of Monster Jam. Douglass brings over 25 years of Advance Auto Parts Monster Jam knowledge to the booth, while Schroeder contributes the insight that only a Monster Jam driver can provide. With their energy and enthusiasm, Douglass and Schroeder will continue to be on the call for the most memorable moments of Monster Jam.

◀ Advance Auto Parts Monster Jam honors the life of Joe Lowe, a 25-year veteran announcer who passed away in the fall of 2012 after a battle with cancer. Joe's thunderous voice has entertained millions of fans around the world, while his enthusiasm and passion has been key in developing some of Monster Jam's brightest stars. His contributions to the drivers, the fans, and the Monster Jam family will live forever.

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PATH OF DESTRUCTION

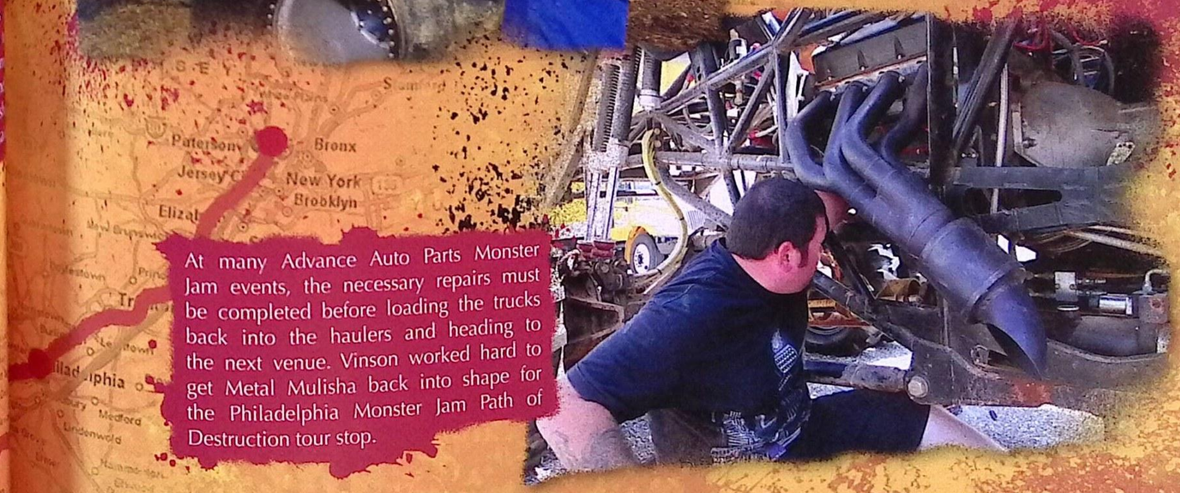
Grave Digger The Legend® attempted a backflip in Baltimore, ensuring more work for the team's crew chief.

The Advance Auto Parts Monster Jam® Path of Destruction tour was a three-week summer stadium tour along the East Coast that left destruction in its wake. It started at M&T Bank Stadium in Baltimore, stopped at Lincoln Financial Field in Philadelphia, and ended at MetLife Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J. Let's take a behind-the-scenes look from the perspective of three of the hardest-working Monster Jam crew chiefs in the business.

Being a crew chief for the highest-pro Monster Jam® trucks in the sport is lot of pressure, hard work, attention detail, and of course, a lot of fun. Som of the best are Grave Digger the Legen crew chief Cole Venard, Metal Mulis crew chief Brandon Vinson, and Capta America crew chief Josh Dyche.

In Philadelphia, Metal Mulisha may have caught some huge air, but the landing ended its freestyle run with 1:12 left on the clock. Vinson would have to spend many hours repairing the suspension and body mounts to get it back in shape.

Venard showed his sincere appreciation for the work Adam Anderson just made for him in Philadelphia. It looks rough, but Grave Digger The Legend only needed some minor welding and some new body panels mounted.



At many Advance Auto Parts Monster Jam events, the necessary repairs must be completed before loading the trucks back into the haulers and heading to the next venue. Vinson worked hard to get Metal Mulisha back into shape for the Philadelphia Monster Jam Path of Destruction tour stop.

The Advance Auto Parts Monster Jam crew chiefs are never alone, and in many ways operate as one big team. In East Rutherford, the Monster Jam trucks had to switch to transport tires to fit through the MetLife Stadium loading dock entrance, and tire-up again once inside the stadium.

Dyche mounted the tires back onto Captain America in the Jersey summer heat with some help from Vinson.

Thanks to the hard work and dedication of crew chiefs like Dyche, Venard and Vinson, the action never stops! In front of raucous crowds cheering every rev, the Path of Destruction tour pushed Monster Jam to new heights.

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(Above) Meents flips Max-D™ upside down during a captivating World Finals X encore! (Right) The "happy accident" that was the catalyst of the Monster Jam backflip.

The HISTORY of the Monster Jam BACKFLIP

By Robyn Drozd

When you think of the backflip, what sport comes to mind? Freestyle motocross (FMX)? BMX? As easy as they make it look, it takes practice. The backflip might be the coolest trick in the book, but if a rider makes the slightest mistake, they can end up with a serious injury.

The backflip seemed to be a myth in FMX until the early '90s. Before then, it was thought to be impossible—due to the weight of a motocross bike—or a feat only achieved in video games. But as the backflip became "the" trick to do at FMX events, names like Travis Pastrana, Brian Deegan, Mike Metzger and Carey Hart were putting themselves on the map as some of the sport's first riders to attempt the trick.

A backflip is one of the most outrageous stunts to see live for any motor sport. So what about in a Monster Jam® truck? Even more thrilling! How about a 5-ton behemoth racing toward the ramp, shooting toward the stadium roof, rotating backward, and landing the flip while the jaw of every watching fan drops to the floor? Such a staple trick now, it's hard to believe that the idea of doing a backflip in the world of Monster Jam started being tossed around only six years ago. To even get to that point, though, a "happy accident" caused one famed driver to make it his goal to land one.

The incident occurred in Gothenburg, Sweden, with driver Tom Meents behind the wheel of Maximum Destruction®. Meents was performing his freestyle run when he came across the back of a steep dirt ramp. As his time was winding down, he slammed the throttle at the very last second. Max-D℠ shot into the air and began to rotate backward. Not gaining enough air to complete one revolution, the truck hit the ramp, crashed down on its rear, and did a complete roll back onto all four tires. It wasn't a clean backflip, but Meents and Max-D created history that day—even if it was just a stroke of luck.

Once back on his home turf in Paxton, Ill., Meents put in the practice doing a backflip. He had seen FMX riders do the stunt all the time, but that was on a 200-pound motorcycle. Attempting a trick of this caliber with a 5-ton Monster Jam truck wasn't going to be easy, and special safety precautions needed to be taken.

Max-D was reconfigured with a different shock setup to ensure Meents would come out uninjured and the truck wouldn't break into pieces. The tires and suspension were also changed. A special landing area made out of crushed cars was added on the other side of the dirt ramp for cushion—Monster Jam's version of a foam pit. The Max-D team double-checked every aspect of the truck and the trick setup right up until "go" time.

After the first practice attempt was unsuccessful, the team adjusted the ramp, making it steeper. Meents also decided to come at the ramp in a lower gear and with more horsepower for the second try. With these slight modifications, everything went perfectly, and Meents flipped completely over. The first successful backflip in a Monster Jam truck had been landed. A feat that seemed so impossible in the beginning apparently wasn't.

A great place for Meents to show off his new trick was at Monster Jam World Finals℠ X in Las Vegas. He wouldn't perform the trick in competition but, rather, as an encore for the sold-out crowd. After the champions had been crowned, Meents was given the green light for his encore. He eased toward the ramp and then slammed on the accelerator at the incline. The truck did a complete backward rotation and started in on a second just as the rear of the body hit the ground, causing Maximum Destruction to come to a halt on its roof.

Meents was the first driver to ever attempt a full backflip in front of a live audience at a Monster Jam event. He didn't land it cleanly, but he wasn't giving up.

It was only a matter of time before another Monster Jam driver decided to go for the backflip at a performance. Lucky fans in Jacksonville, FL saw Cam McQueen, who was driving Nitro Circus at the time, land a clean backflip during his bonus segment in 2010—making him the first driver to successfully perform the trick at a competition. Fast-forward to the Monster Jam World Finals XII, and McQueen was at it again. It wasn't a clean backflip, but he landed it. He was the first driver to perform the backflip in competition at the Monster Jam World Finals. Fans couldn't get enough of the trick, and McQueen stayed in the hot seat as the leader for most of the event—another first.

The backflip was bursting onto the Monster Jam World Finals scene as a handful of other drivers also took their shot at it that night. Brutus landed on its roof. Madusa® almost did two backflips but hit the ground on the second rotation and ended up on its roof. In its Monster Jam World Finals debut, Son-uva Digger® came out in style. Although he didn't participate in the competition, Ryan Anderson gave fans a taste of what was to come. During the special encore performance, he launched into a backflip and nailed the landing—making the sold out Monster Jam World Finals crowd go wild.

At the Monster Jam World Finals XIII, McQueen was destined to win a championship. He had come close, previously, but was now in a new truck: Northern Nightmare℠. That night was a game changer for McQueen. He took home the freestyle championship and became the first driver to do both a frontflip and a backflip during a performance. Also that night, George Balhan and Mohawk Warrior® went into the backflip hoping to complete just one rotation but came out with what looked like two rotations! It wasn't a double backflip, but almost. Nevertheless, fans couldn't stop talking about it.

The only way to keep a sport evolving is to set new goals and to leave a little mystery for the fans—or at least attempt to. There's already talk as to what the next big trick will be for Monster Jam. In the summer of 2012, fans in East Rutherford, N.J., saw firsthand what's in store: the double backflip. Meents stepped up his "A" game and attempted the double backflip for fans in MetLife Stadium. His first backflip was perfect, but as the truck rotated into the second flip, it began to twist sideways. Ultimately, the truck landed on its roof—leaving Meents just short of nailing the spectacular move on his first try.

The backflip has become a staple trick in most all motor sports. As long as Monster Jam drivers keep setting new goals and trying new tricks, while staying safe, Monster Jam fans will be able to watch history in the making.

Son-uva Digger® (above), Northern Nightmare™ (middle) and Mohawk Warrior® (bottom) all pulled off impressive backflips in Las Vegas.

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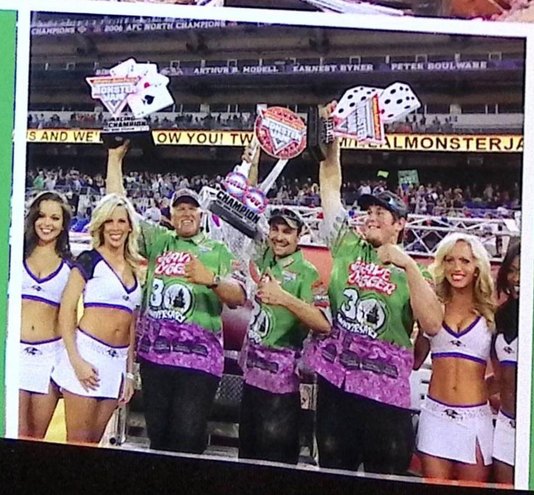

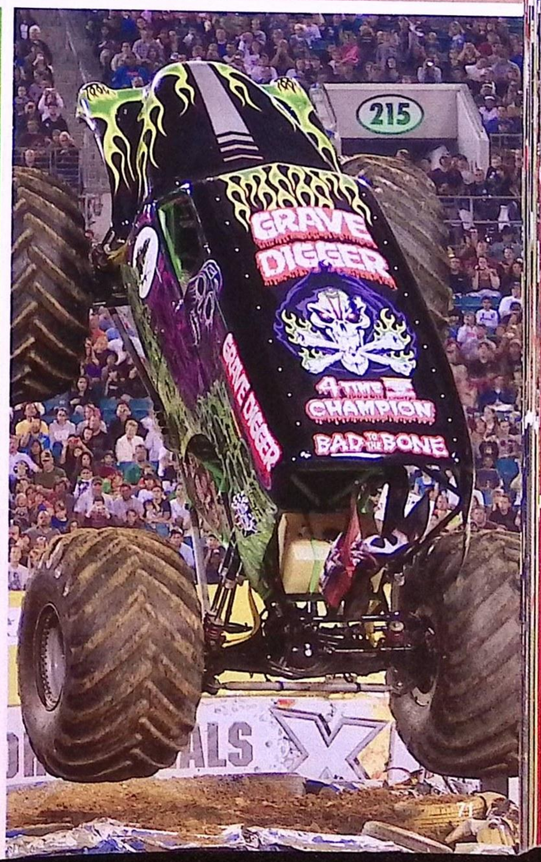

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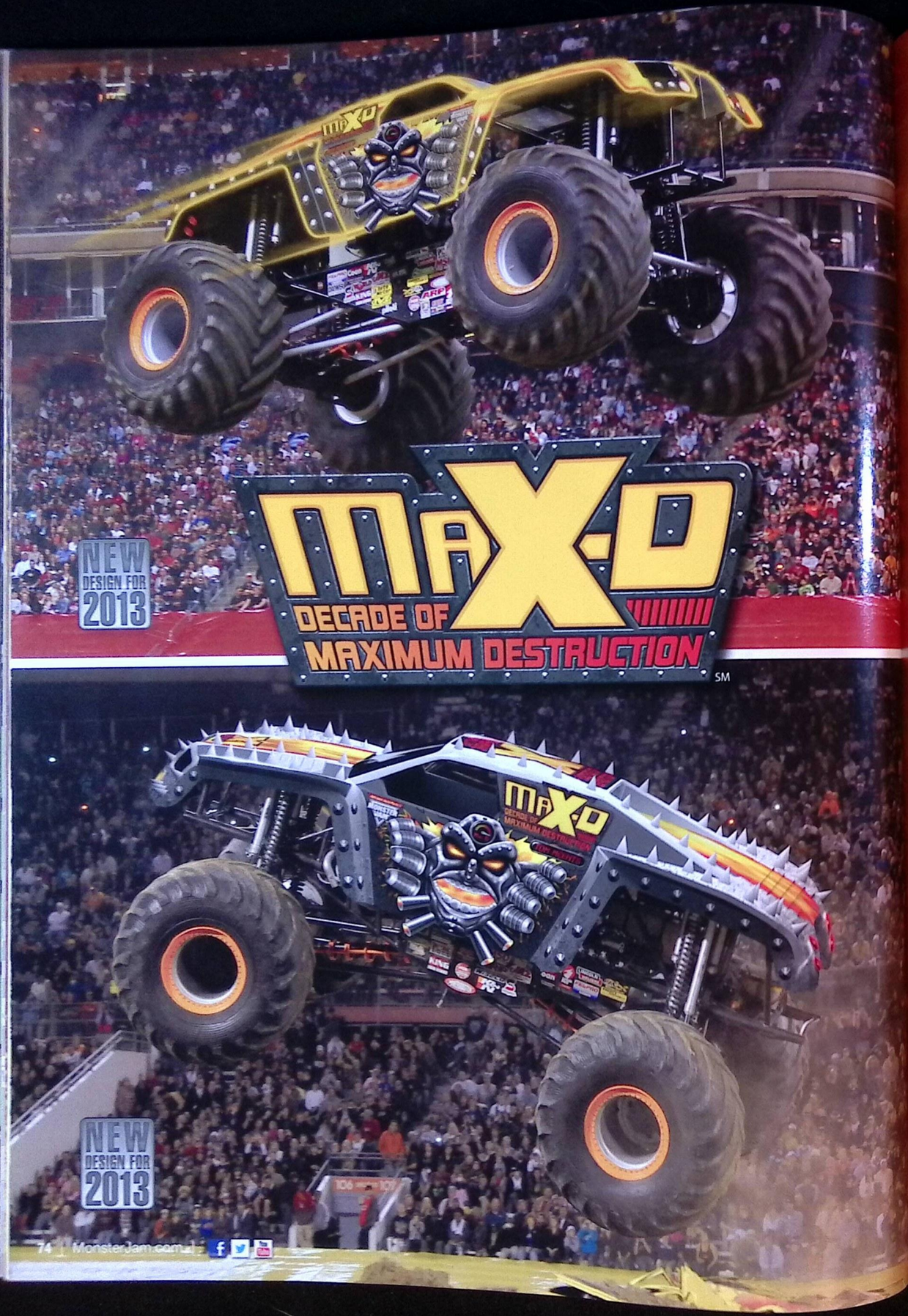

TOM MEENTS

Advance Auto Parts Monster Jam World Finals CHAMPION

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2002 RACING CHAMPION (Team Meents)
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2012 RACING CHAMPION

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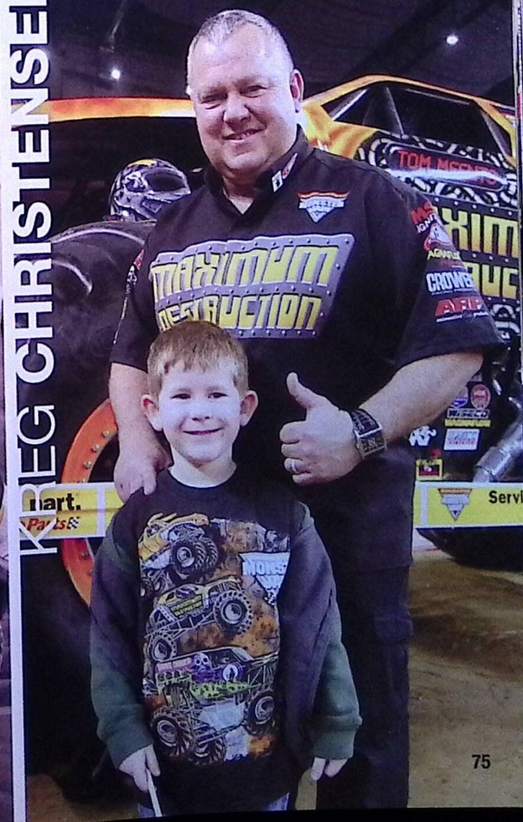

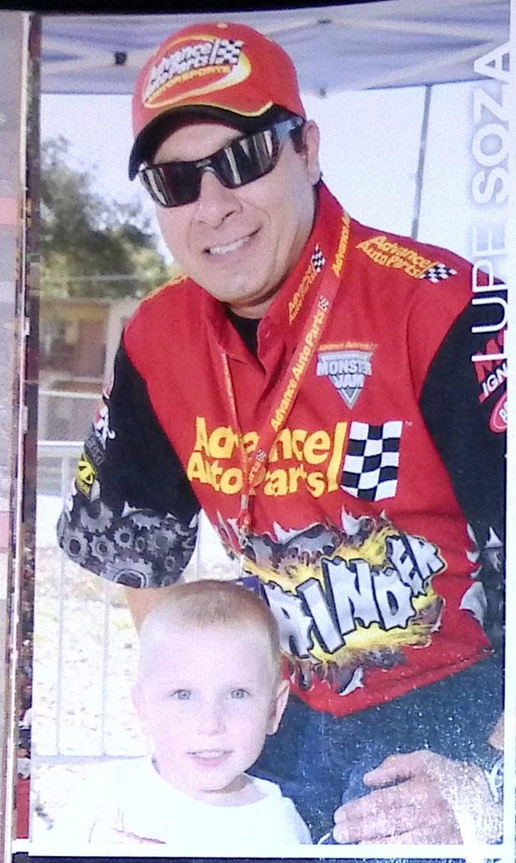
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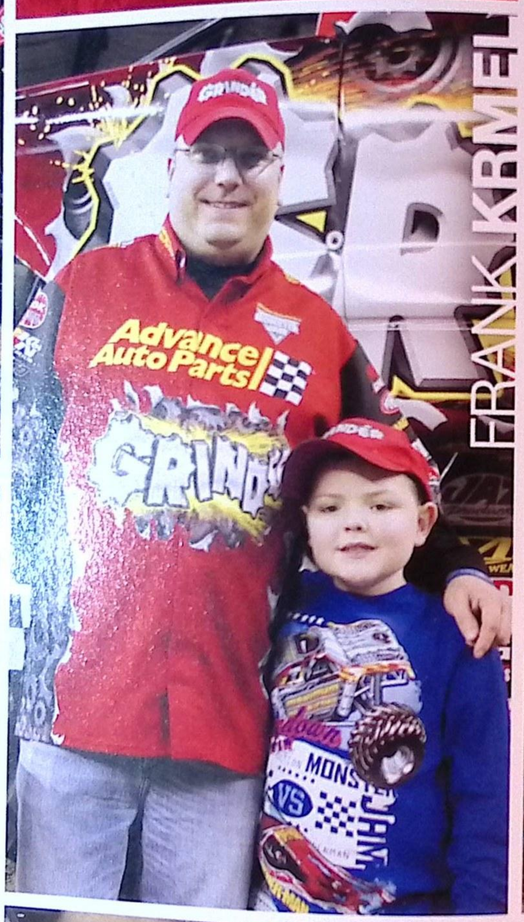
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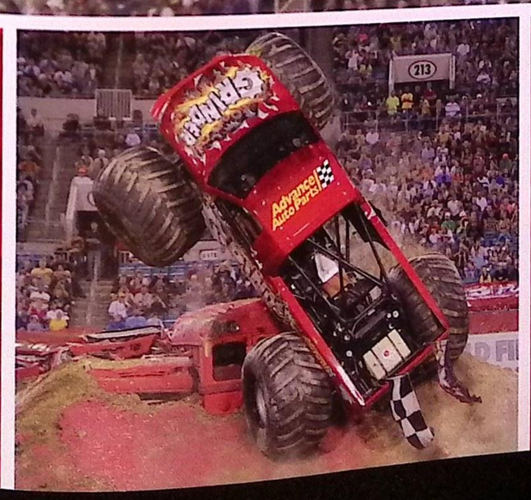
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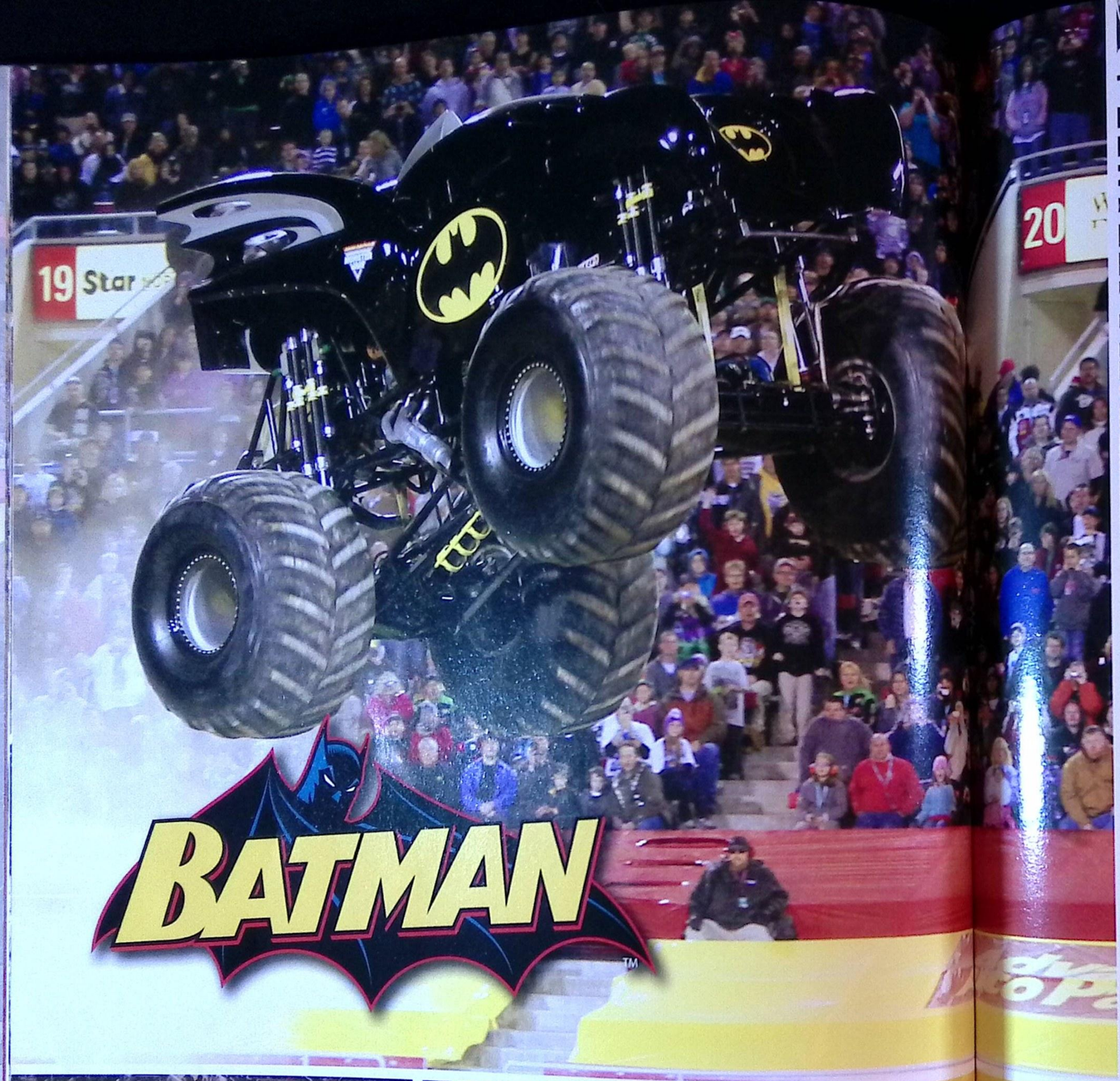

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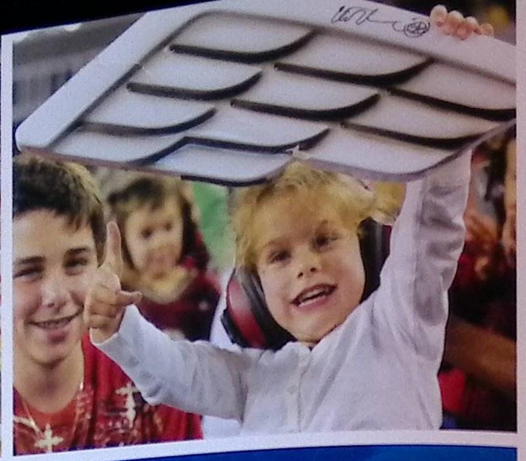

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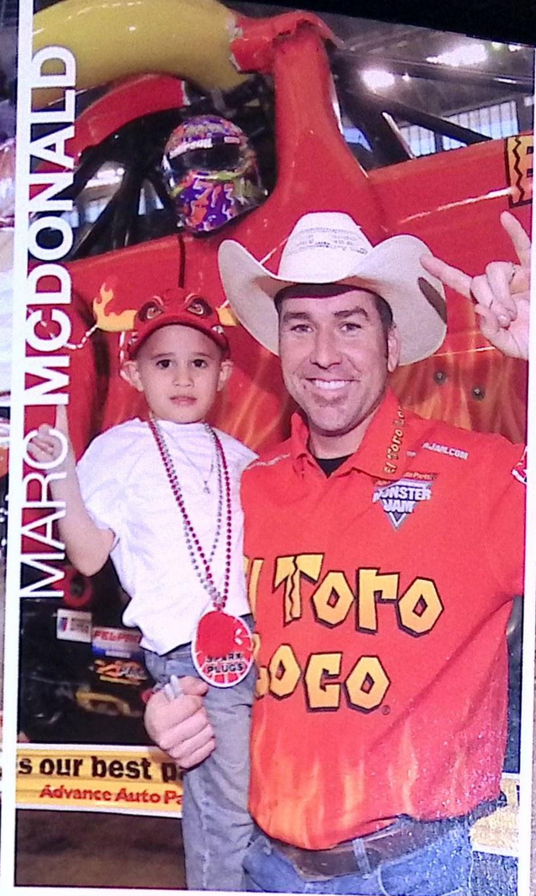
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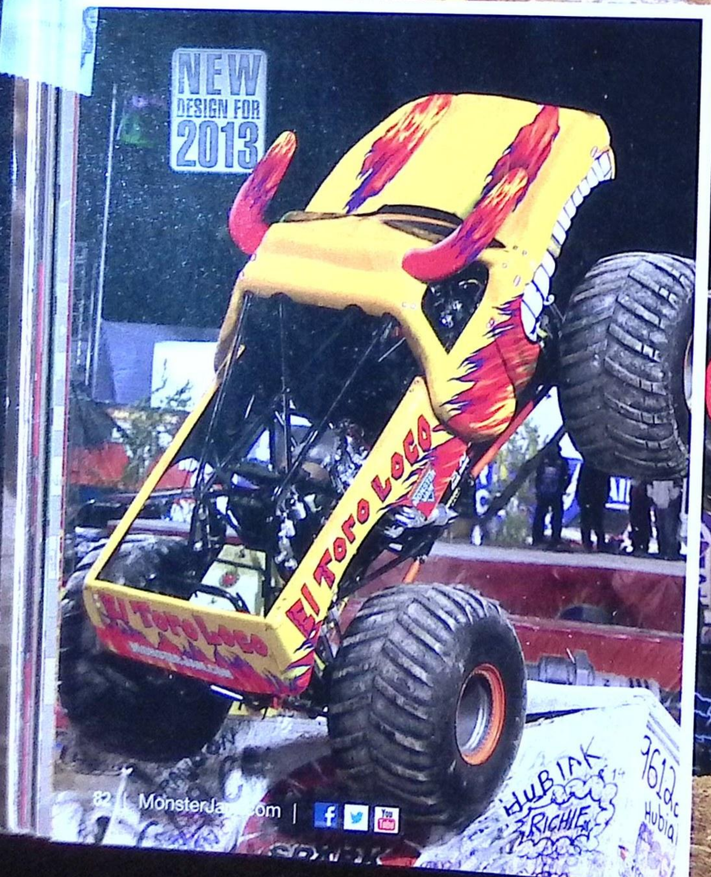
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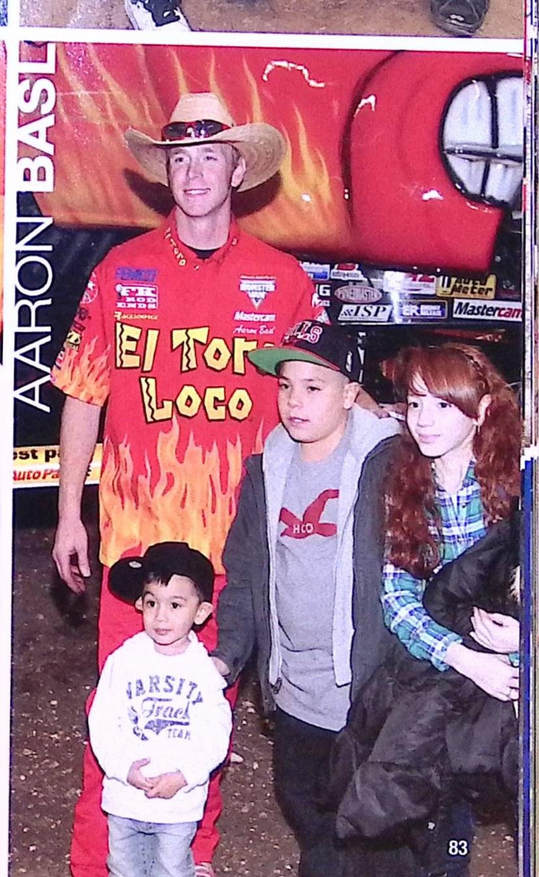
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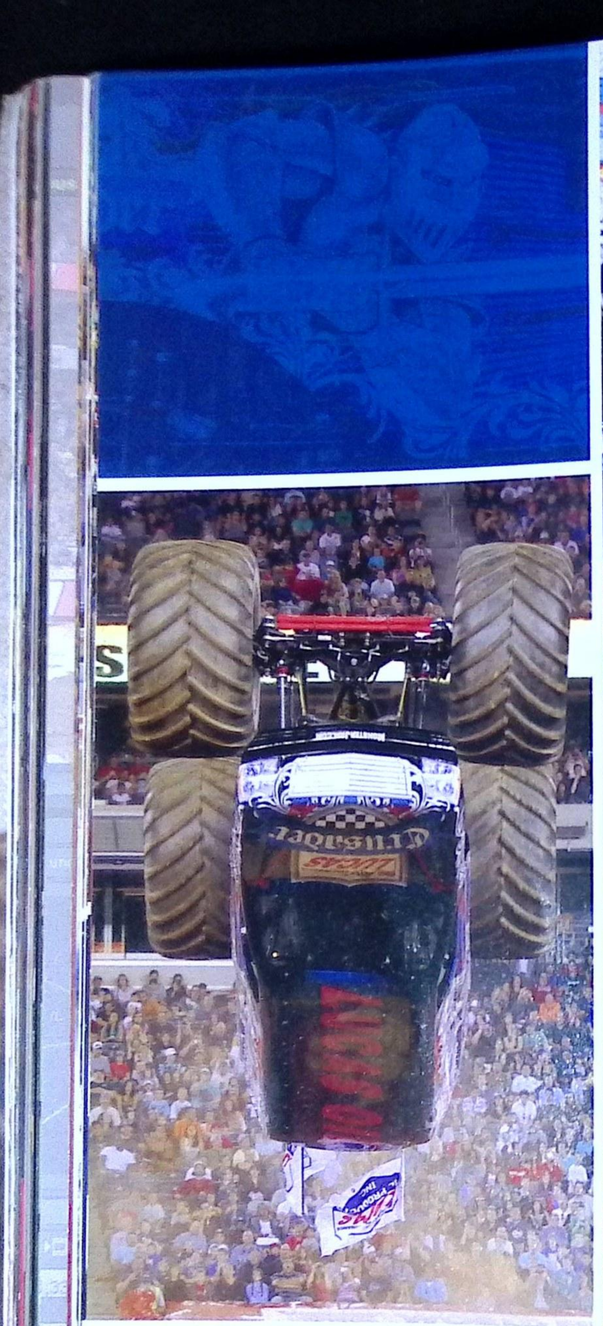

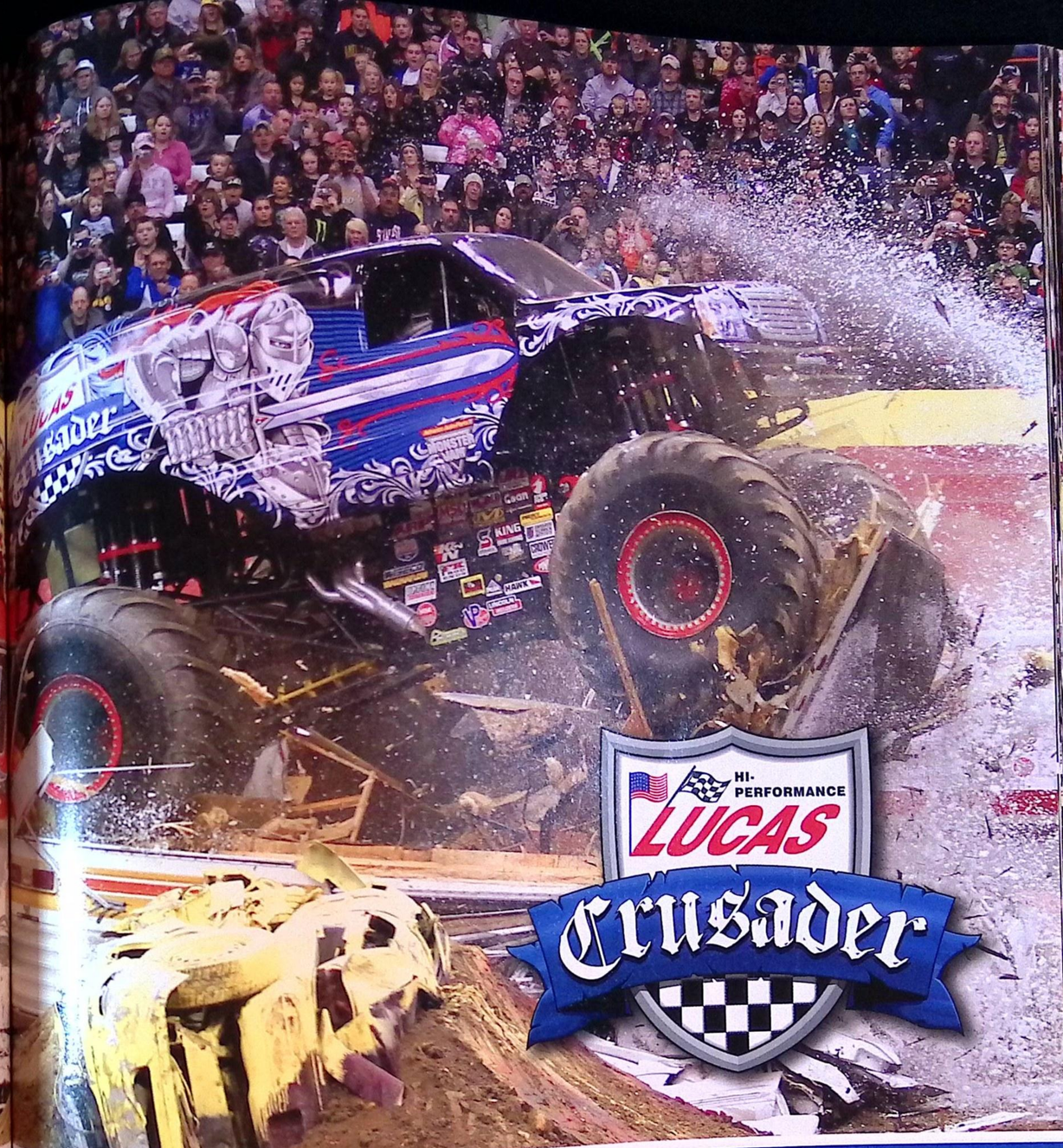

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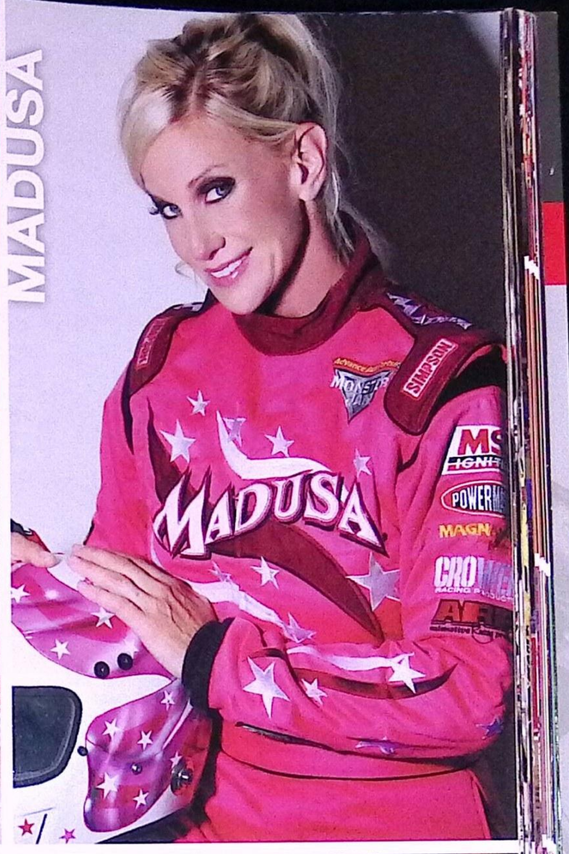

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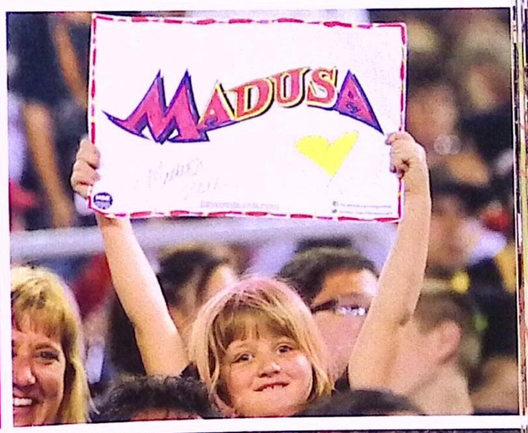

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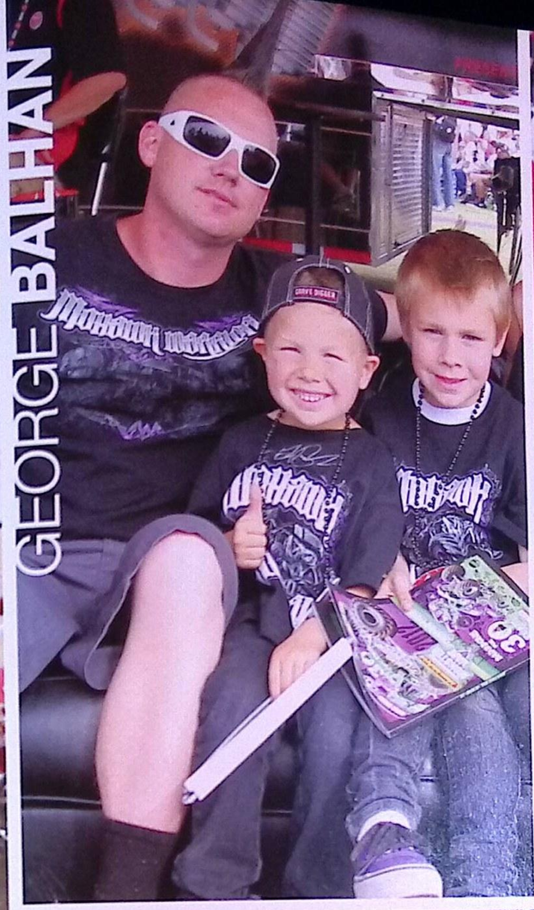

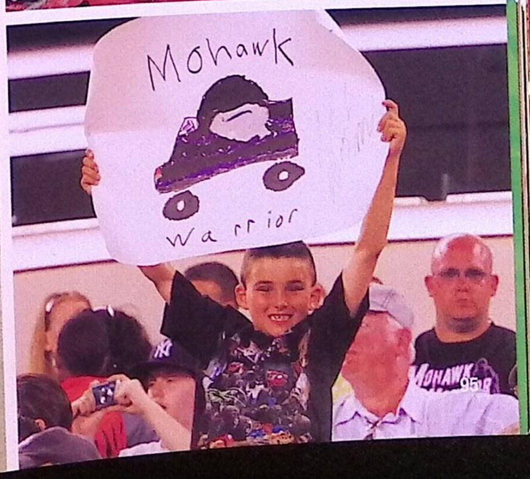

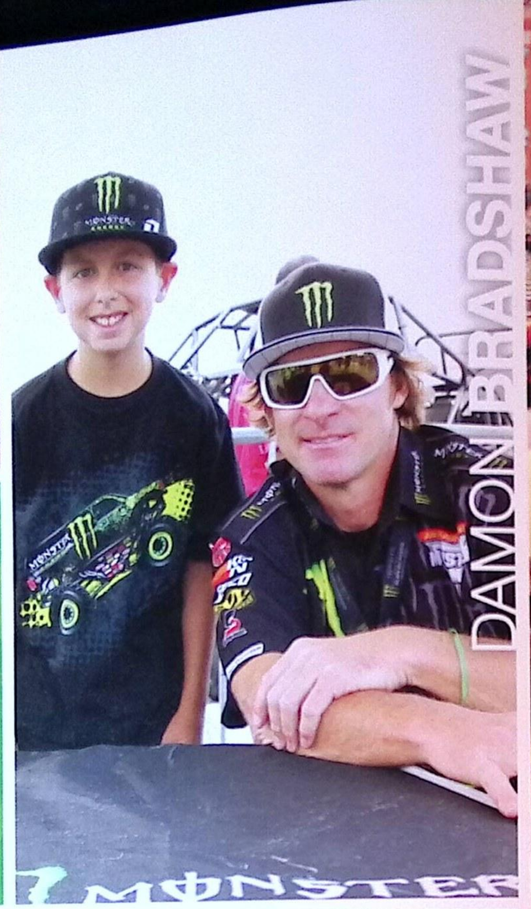

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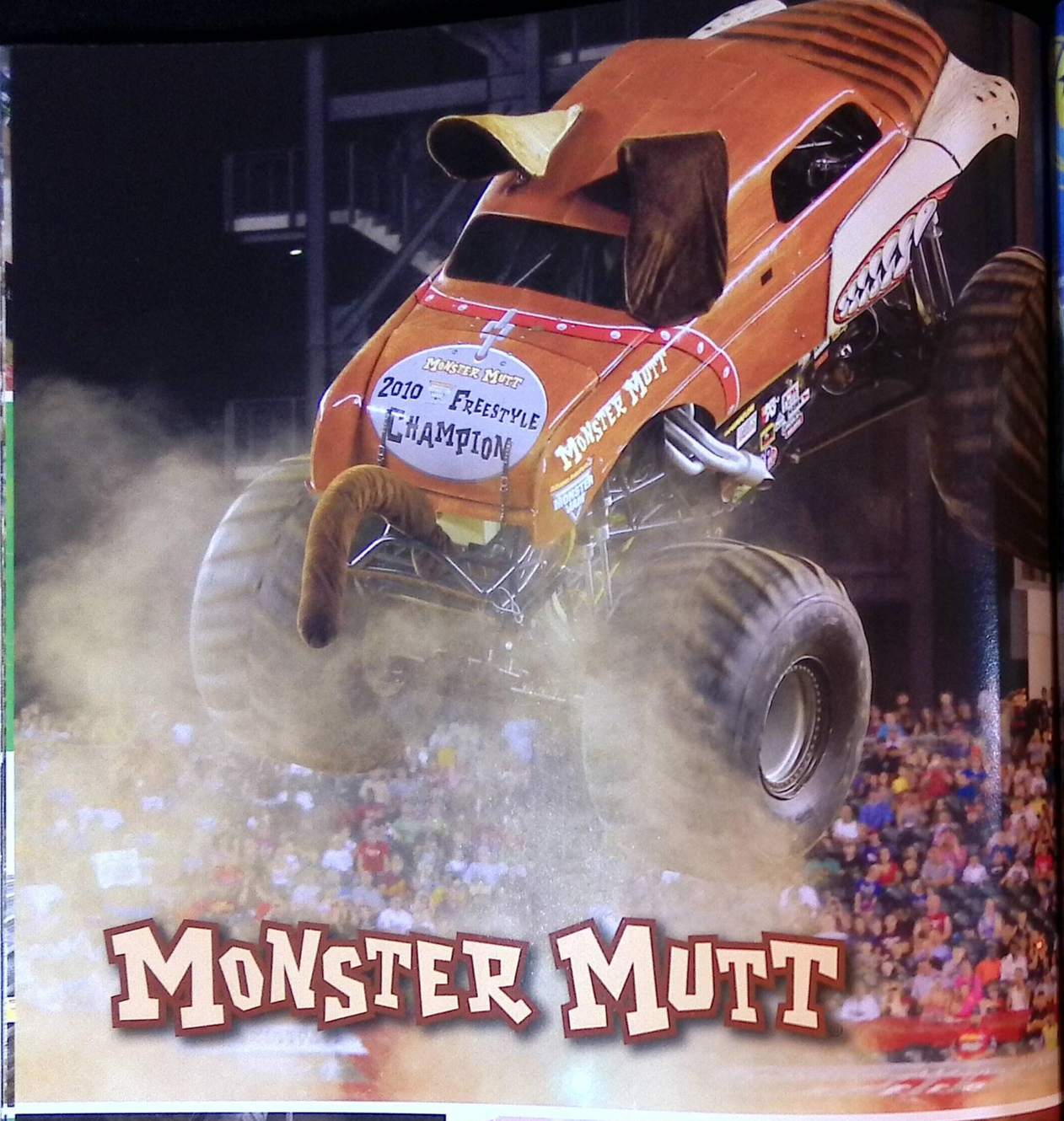

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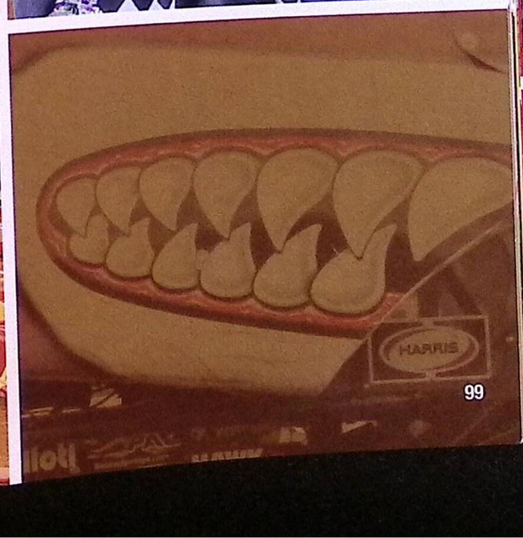

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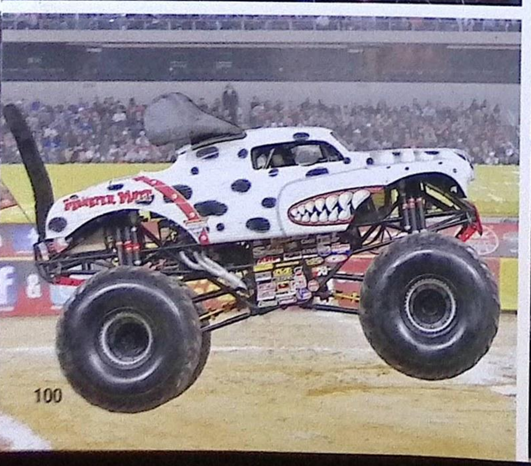

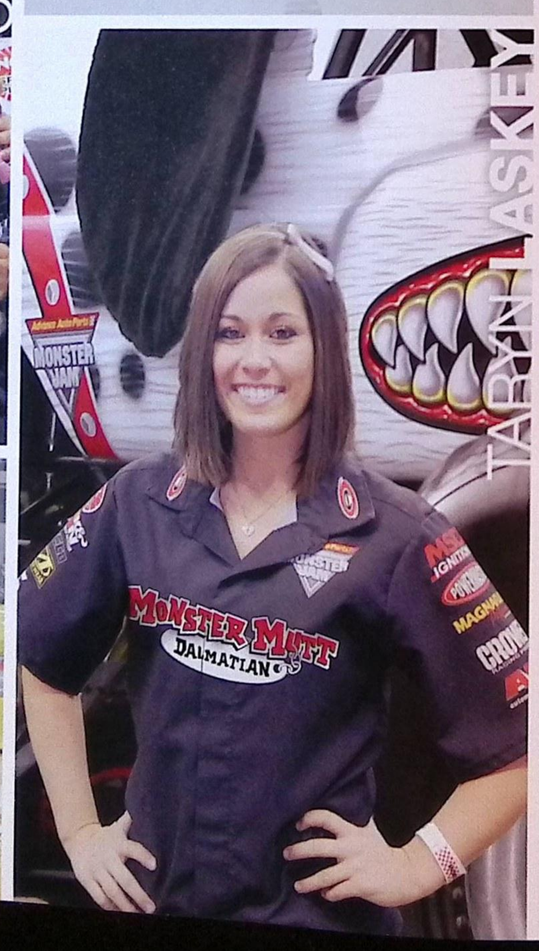

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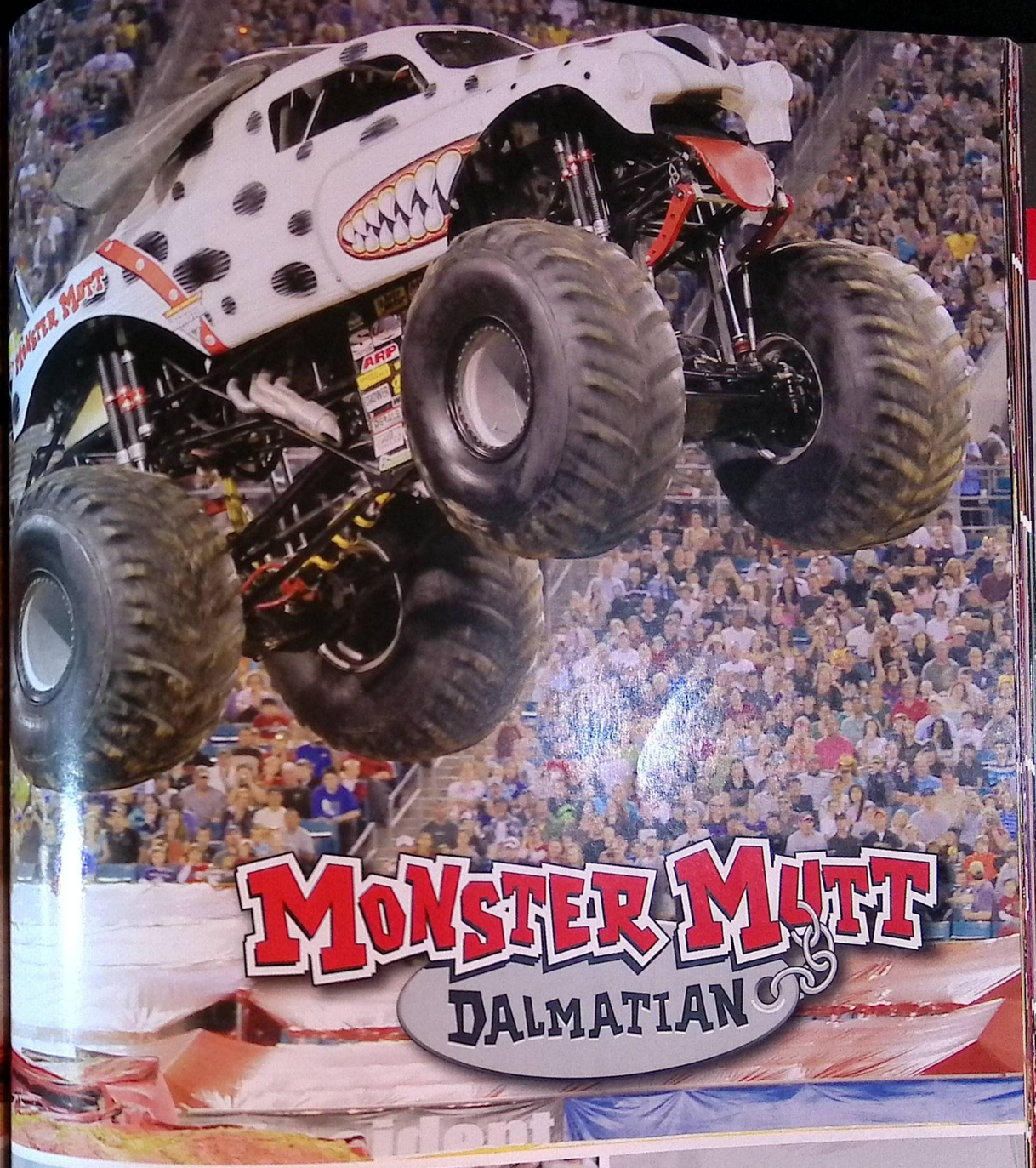

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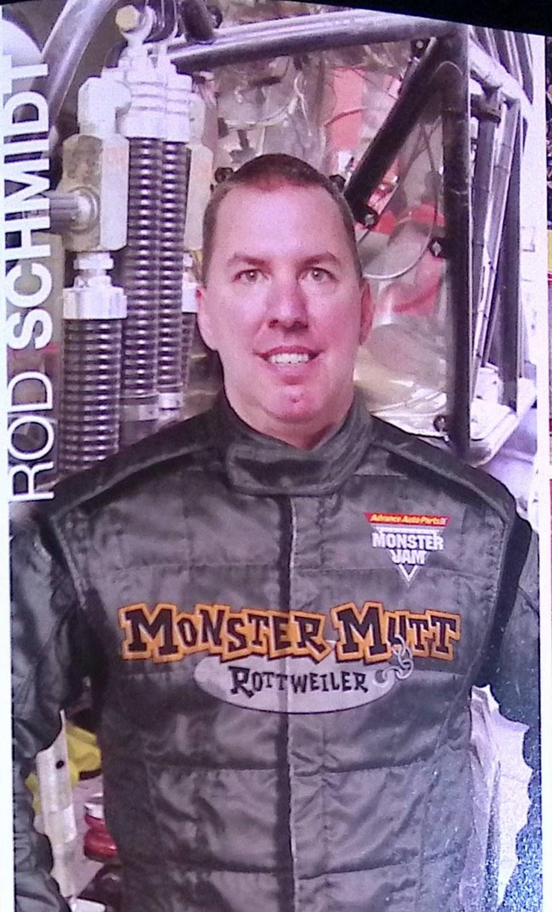

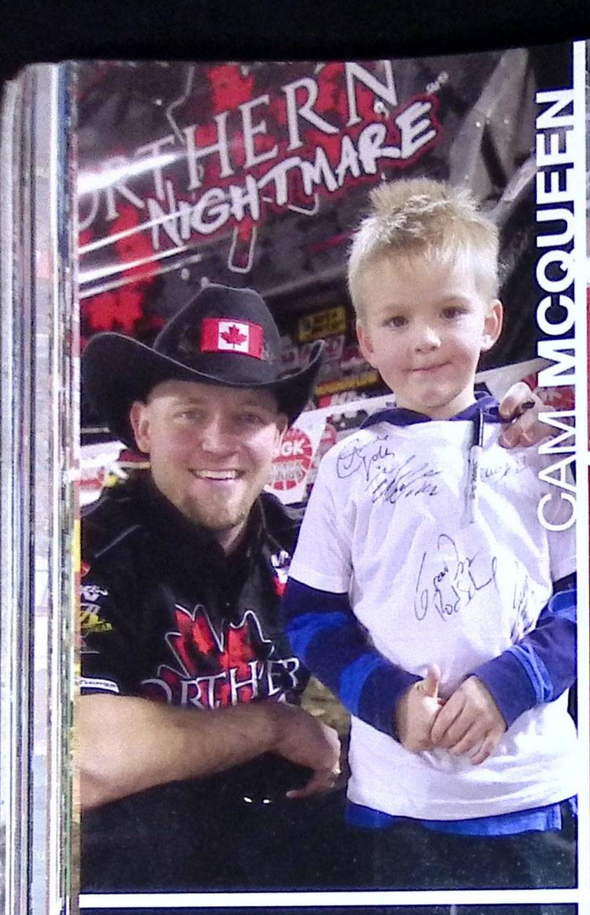

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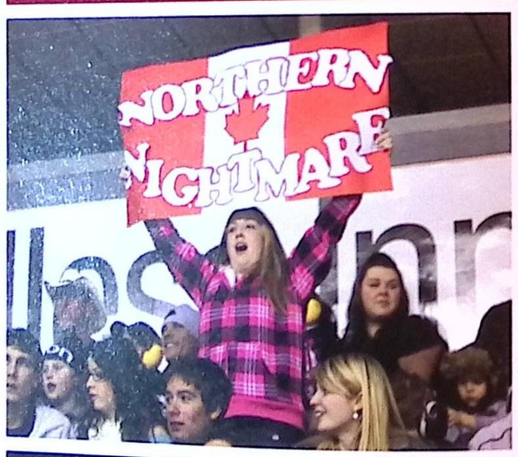

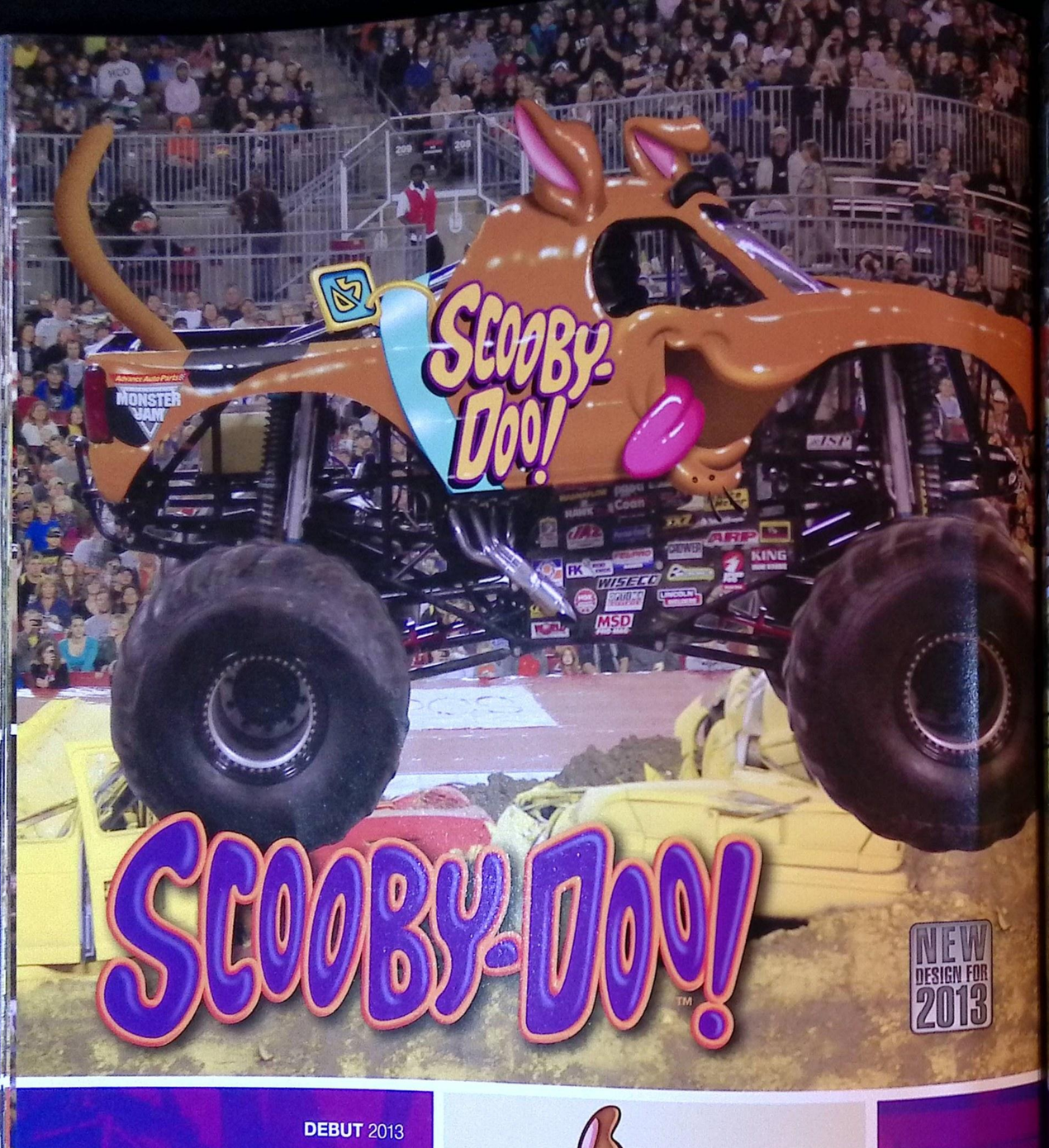

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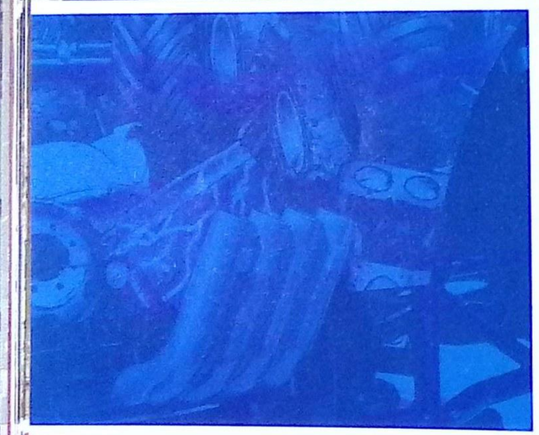

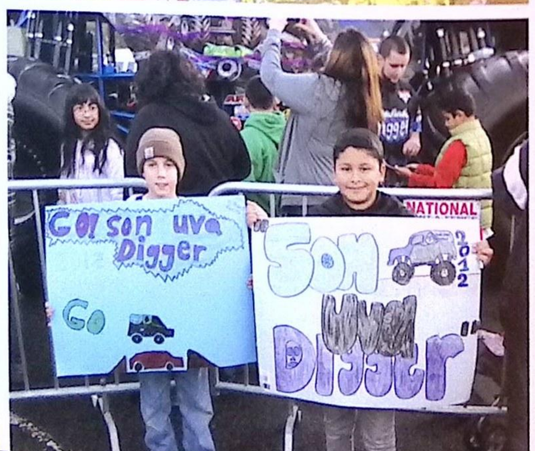

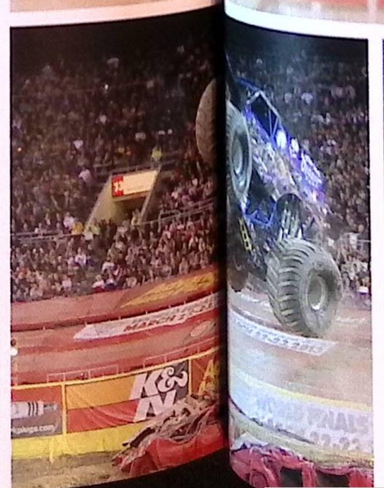

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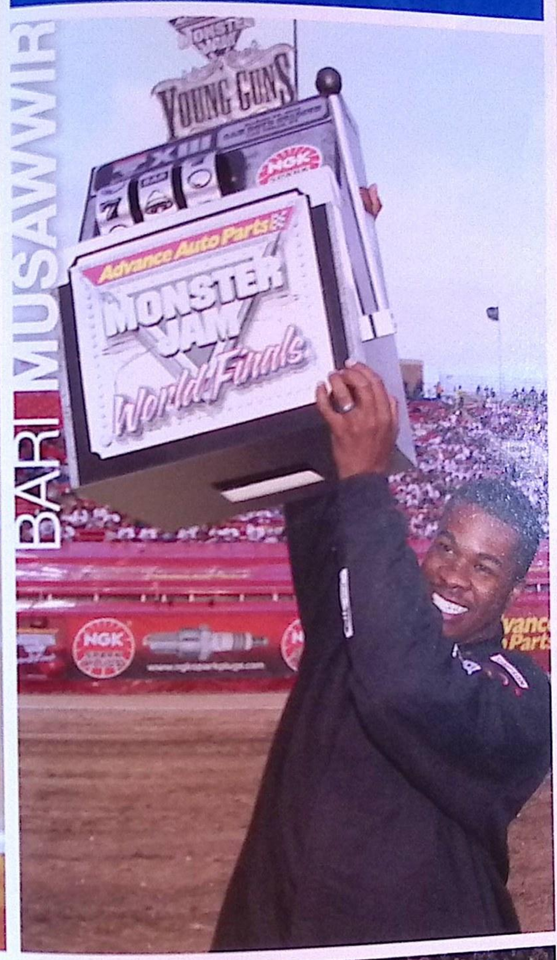

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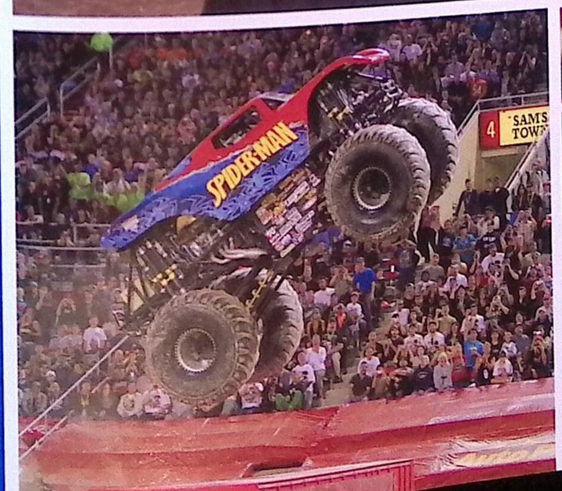

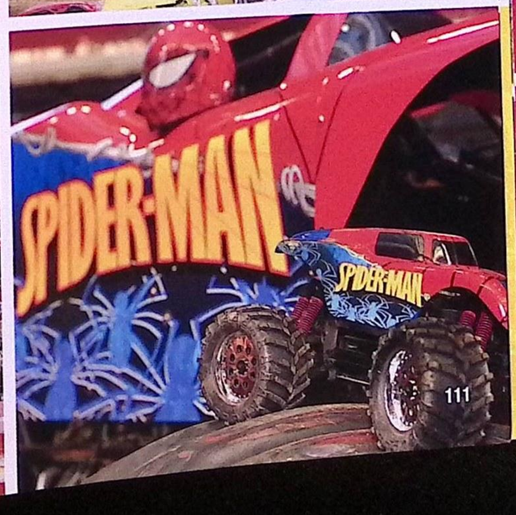

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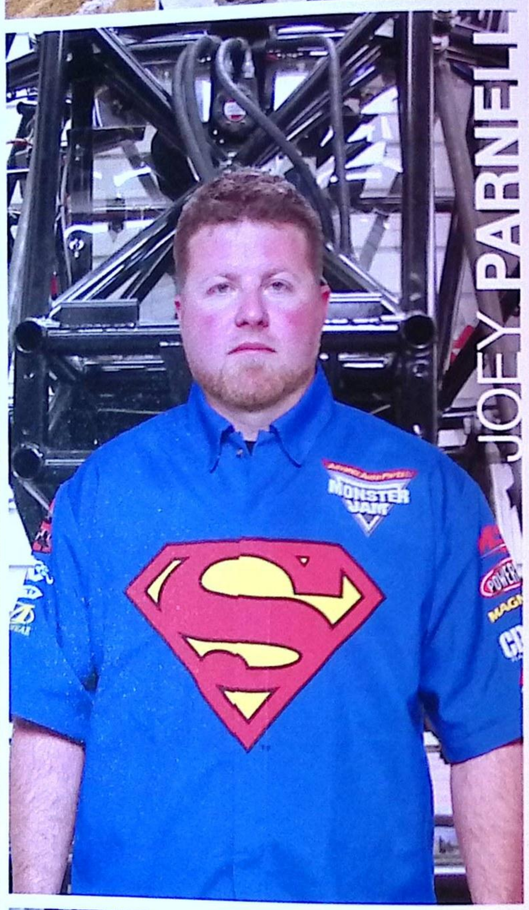
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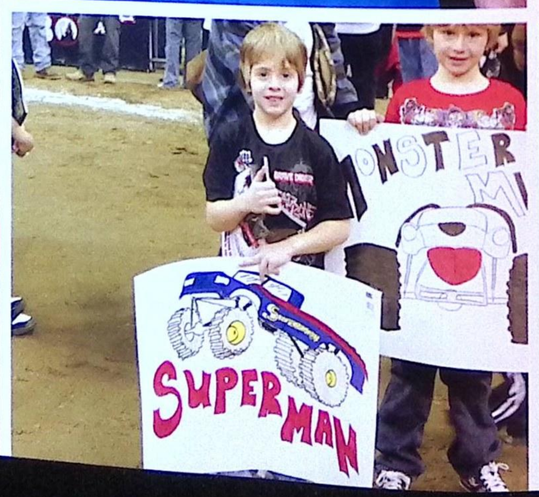
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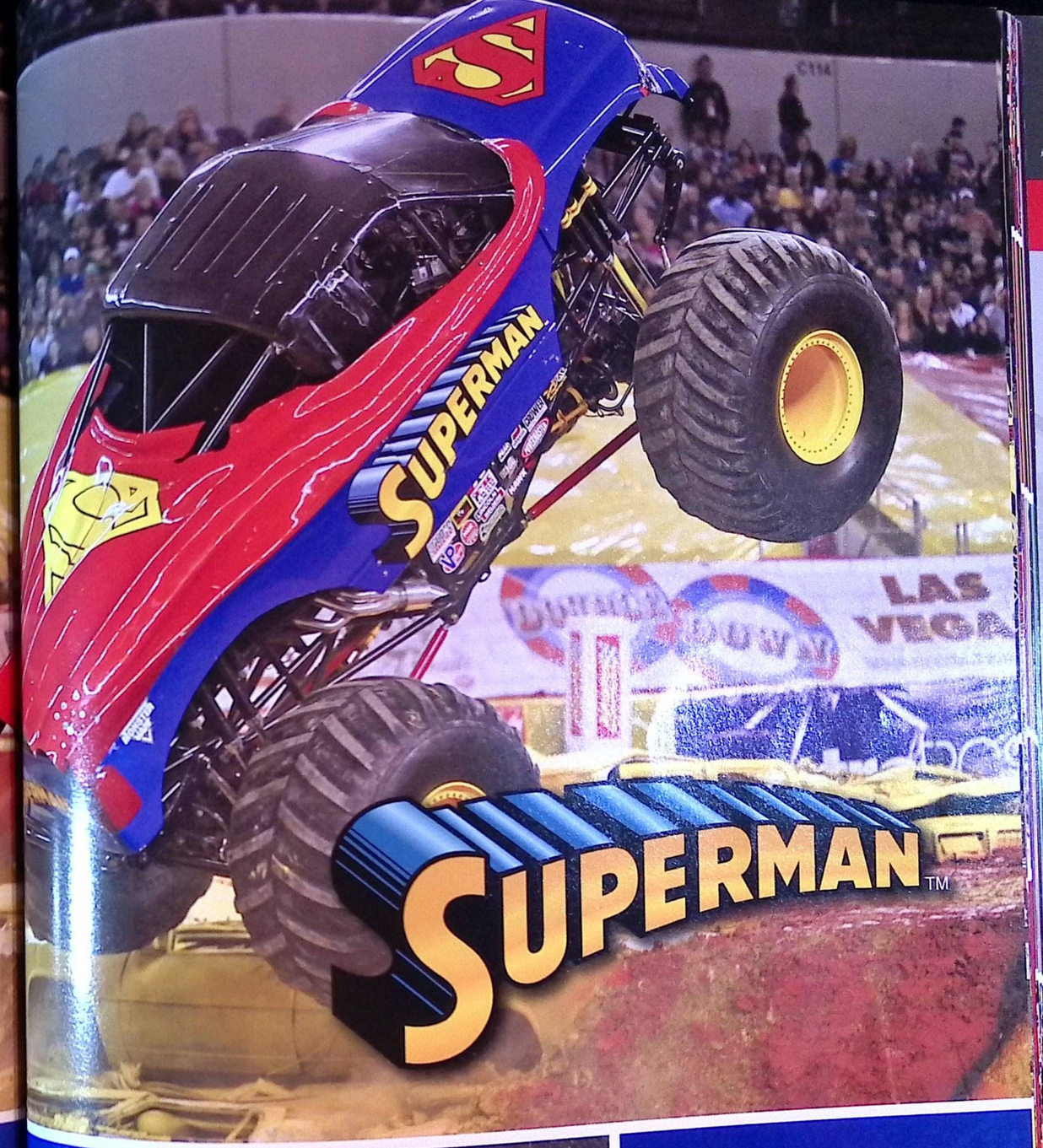
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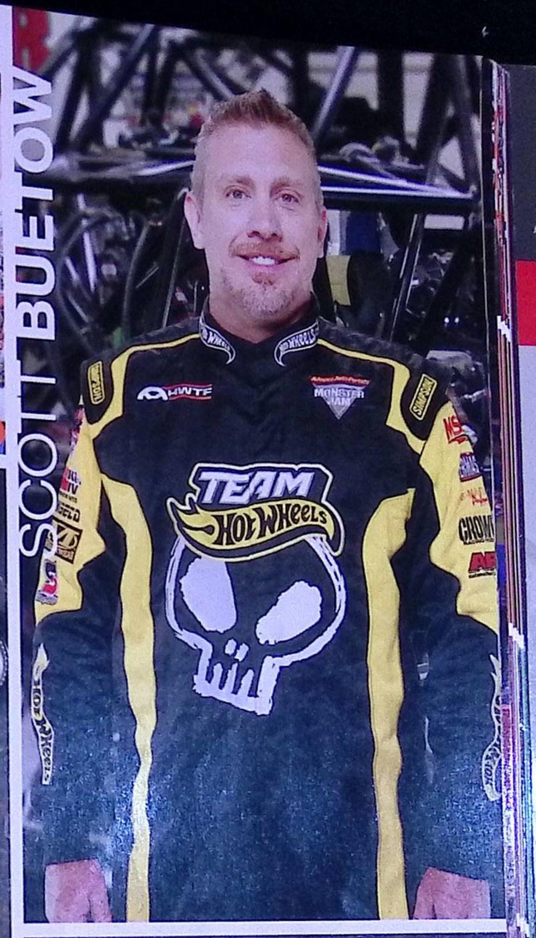

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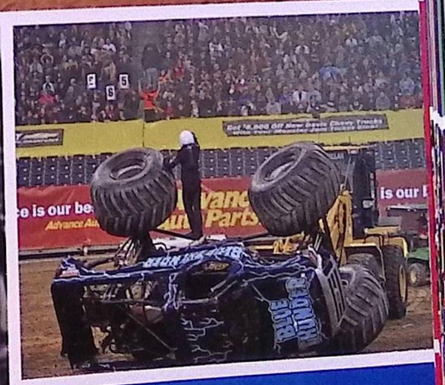

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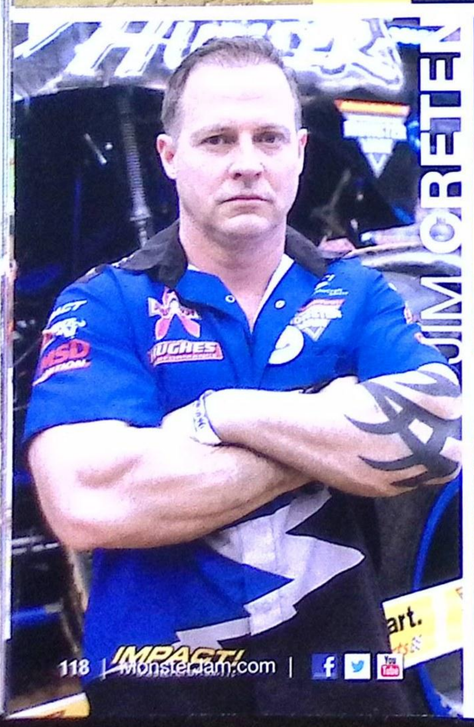

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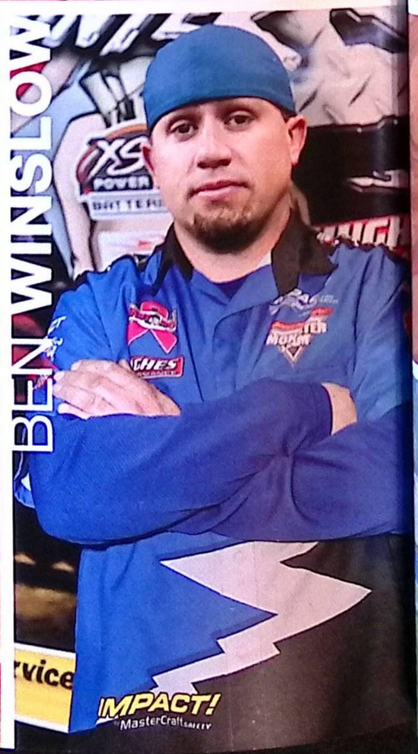

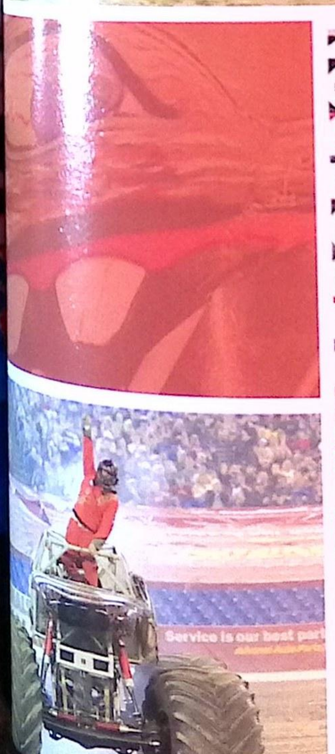

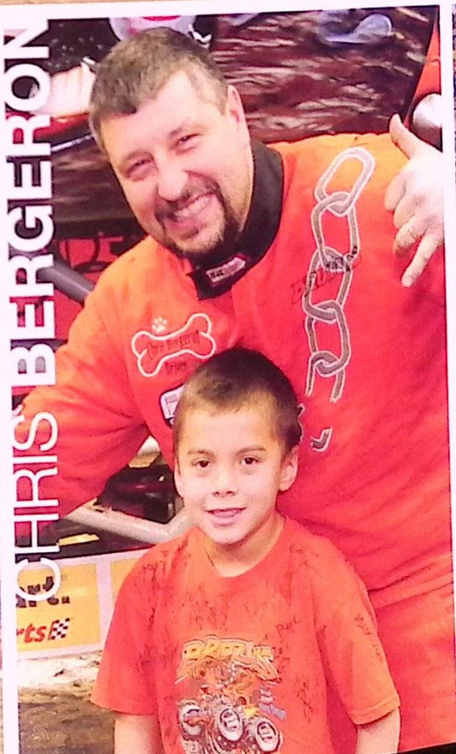

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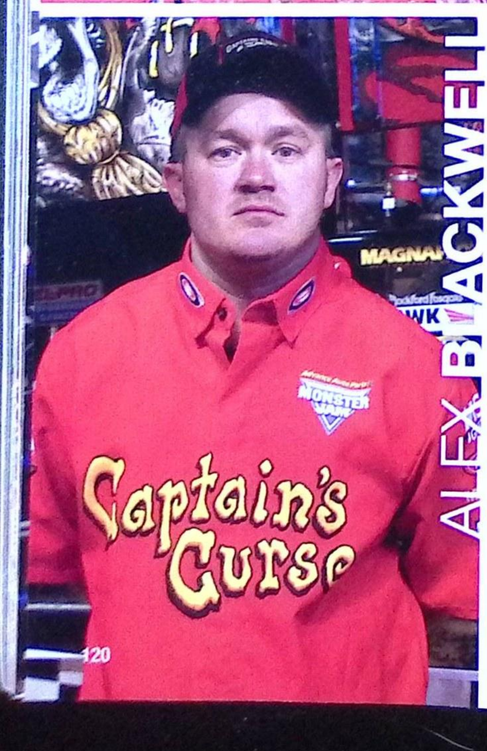

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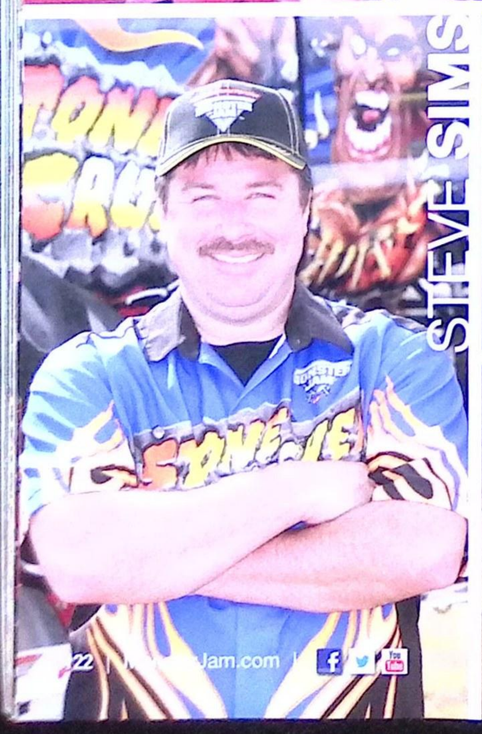

STEVE SIMS

DEBUT 2005

SEAN DUHON

DEBUT 2013

DRIVER Bob Robbins
DEBUT 2001

AFTERSHOCK

BAD HABIT

DRIVER Joe Sylvester
DEBUT 2006

DRIVER Jeremy Slifko
DEBUT 2002

BACKDRAFT

BAD NEWS TRAVELS FAST

DRIVER Brandon Darrow
DEBUT 1998

DEBUT 2008

BACKWARDS BOB

BARBARIAN

DRIVER Devin Jones
DEBUT 2007

DRIVER Shane England
DEBUT 2013

BIG KAHUNA

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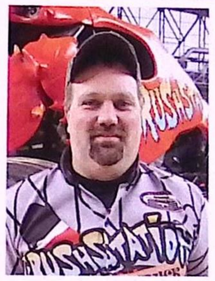

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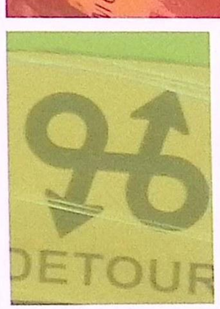

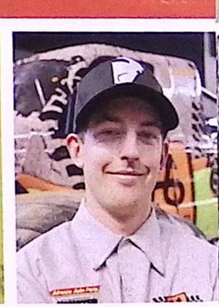

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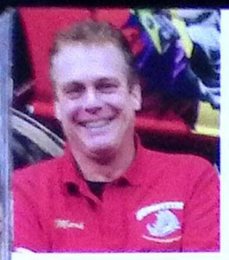

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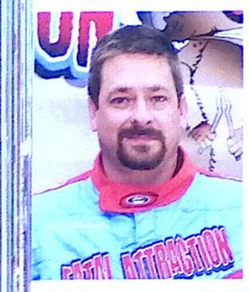
DEVASTATOR

DRIVER Andy Slifko
DEBUT 2004

ERADICATOR



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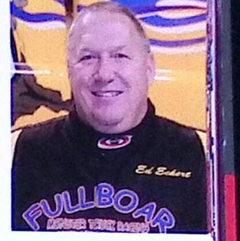
DEBUT 2010

FATAL ATTRACTION

FULLBOAR



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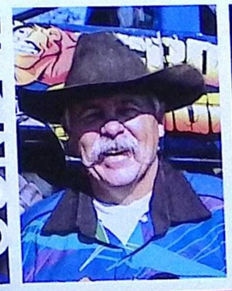
GET ER DONE

DRIVER Mitch Tulachka
DEBUT 2007

GROUND POUNDER



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Mike Dufrene
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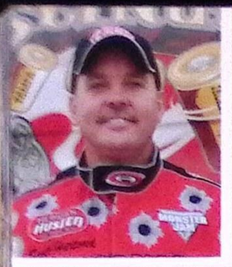

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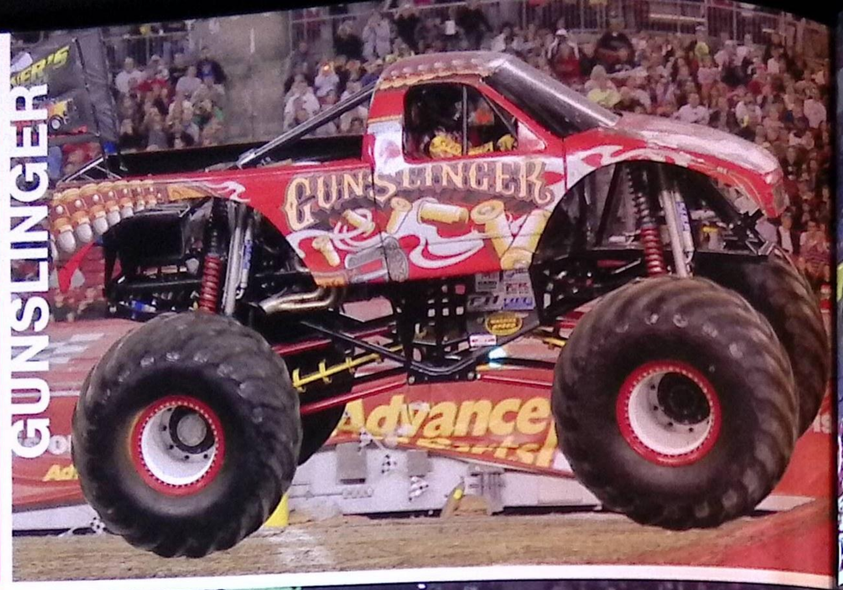
GUNSLINGER



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HIGHER EDUCATION

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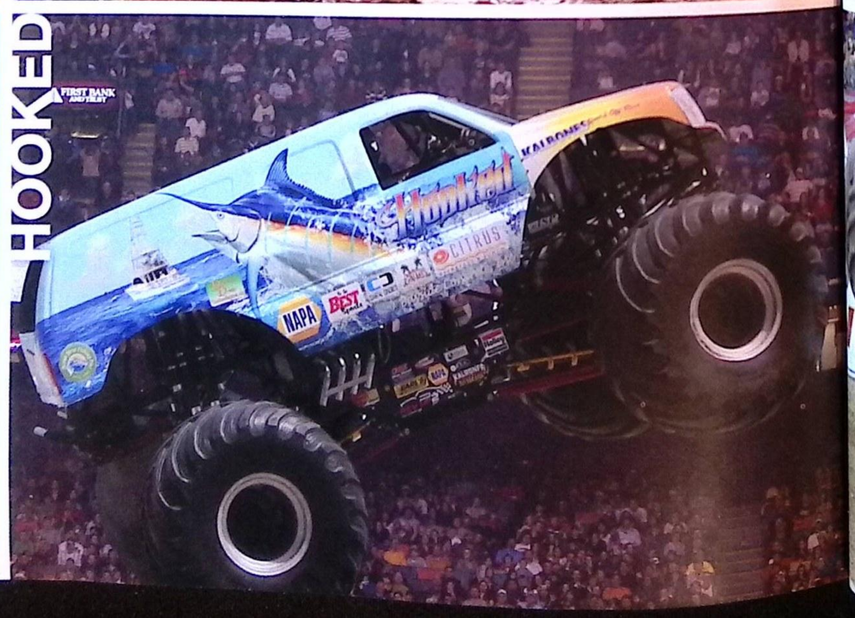


HOTSY

DEBUT 2010

DRIVER TJ Tripp
DEBUT 2012

ICE CREAM MAN

DRIVER Ryan Rice
DEBUT 2010

INCINERATOR

DEBUT 2002

INFERNO

DRIVER Paul Breaud
DEBUT 2006

INSTIGATOR

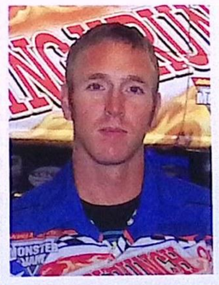
DRIVER Darren Migues
DEBUT 2005

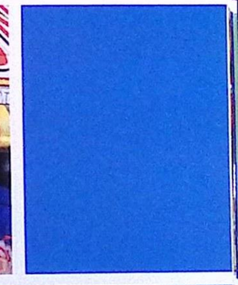
IRON OUTLAW

IRON WARRIOR

DRIVER Trey Meyers
DEBUT 1994

KING KRUNCH





DRIVER Daron Basl
DEBUT 1980

KRAZY TRAIN

DRIVER Pete Robbins
DEBUT 2010

DRIVER Jim Burns
DEBUT 2007

MECHANICAL MISCHIEF

MEGA-BITE

DRIVER Brad Allen
DEBUT 2012

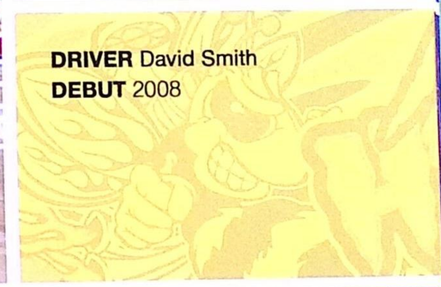
DRIVER RB Moler
DEBUT 1993

MOUNTAINEER

NITEMARE

DRIVER Andy Hoffman
DEBUT 1986

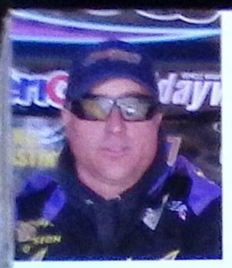
NITRO HORNET



DRIVER David Smith
DEBUT 2008

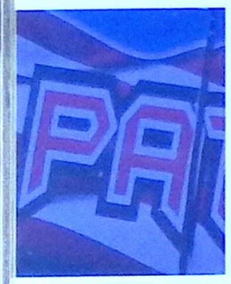
OBSESSED

DRIVER Rick Swanson
DEBUT 1998



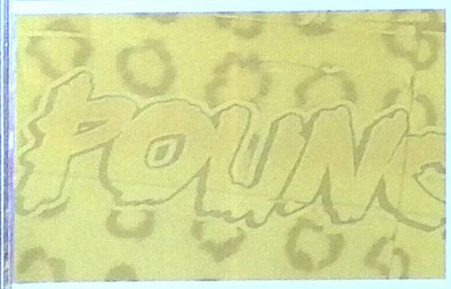
DRIVER Jim Lehnertz
DEBUT 2009

OBSESSION



DRIVER Dan Rodoni
DEBUT 2004

THE PATRIOT



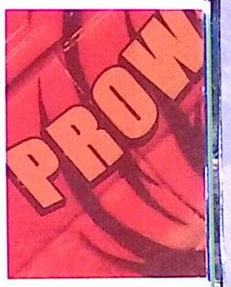
DEBUT 2006

POUNCER

PREDATOR

DRIVER Allen Pezo
DEBUT 1992

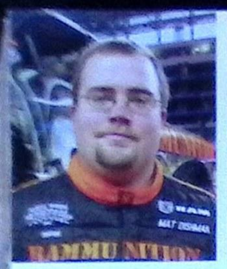
PROWLER



DRIVER Lenny Kuilder
DEBUT 1998

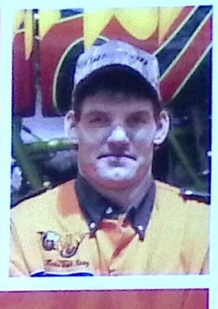
RAMINATOR

DRIVER Mark Hall
DEBUT 2002



DRIVER Mat Dishman
DEBUT 2003

RAMMUNITION



DRIVER Dave Rappach
DEBUT 1989

RAP ATTACK

DRIVER JR McNeal
DEBUT 2011

RAZIN KANE

ROLLIN' THUNDER

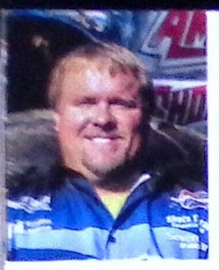
DRIVER Jim Bendzick
DEBUT 2010

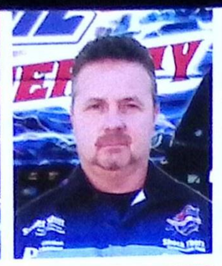
SAMSON

DRIVER Allison Patrick
Dan Patrick
DEBUT 1983

SCARLET BANDIT

DRIVER Dawn Creten
DEBUT 1999





DRIVERS
Jeremy Brady
Brandon Lagarde
Robert Parker
DEBUT 2008

SHOCKTHERAPY

TASMANIAN DEVIL

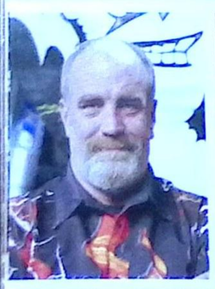
DEBUT 2005

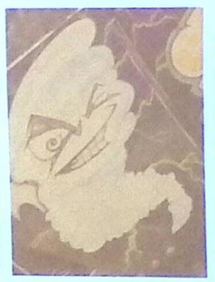
SHOCKER

THRASHER

DRIVER Pat Gerber
DEBUT 1990

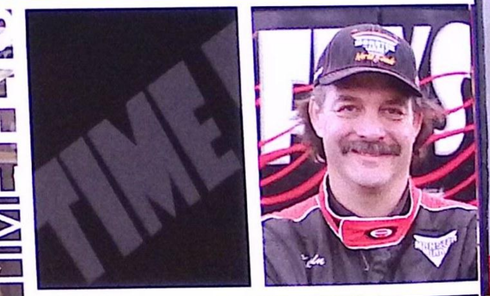
DRIVER Pat Summa
DEBUT 1997





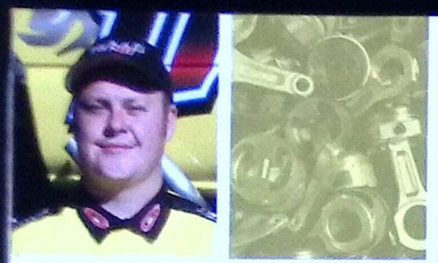
STORM DAMAGE

TIME FLYS



DRIVER Tim Mente
DEBUT 2006

DRIVER Kelvin Ramer
DEBUT 2009

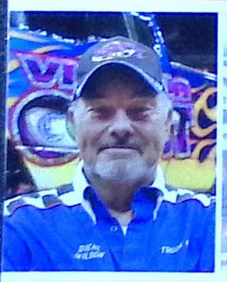


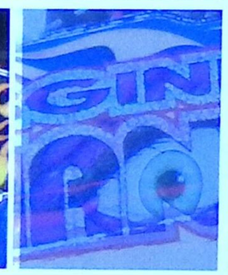
DRIVER Donald Epidendio
DEBUT 2010

TITAN

DRIVER Andrew Peckham
Mike Pappas
DEBUT 2006

TROPICAL THUNDER





DRIVER Diehl Wilson
DEBUT 1985

VIRGINIA GIANT

WAR WIZARD

DRIVER Randy Moore
DEBUT 2003

WOLVERINE

DRIVER Dustin Brown
DEBUT 2001

WRECKING CREW

DRIVER Steve Koehler
DEBUT 2007

POCKET BIKES

BMX

FREESTYLE SPORT BIKES

STREET WARRIORS

DRAG RACING TRAILER

ROLLOVER CONTEST

CANNON LADY

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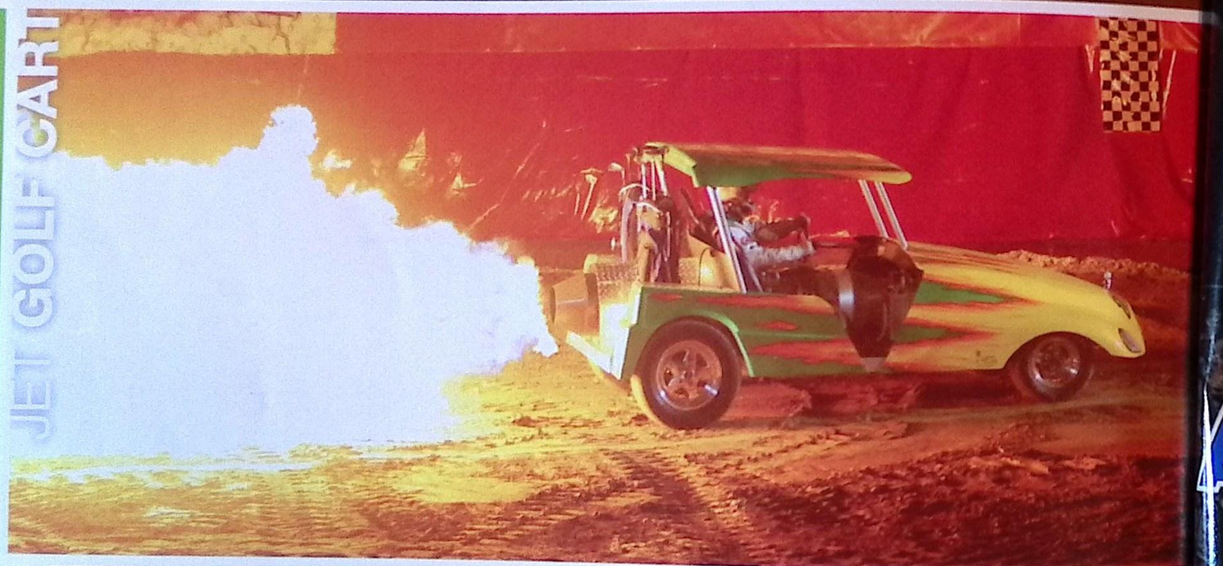

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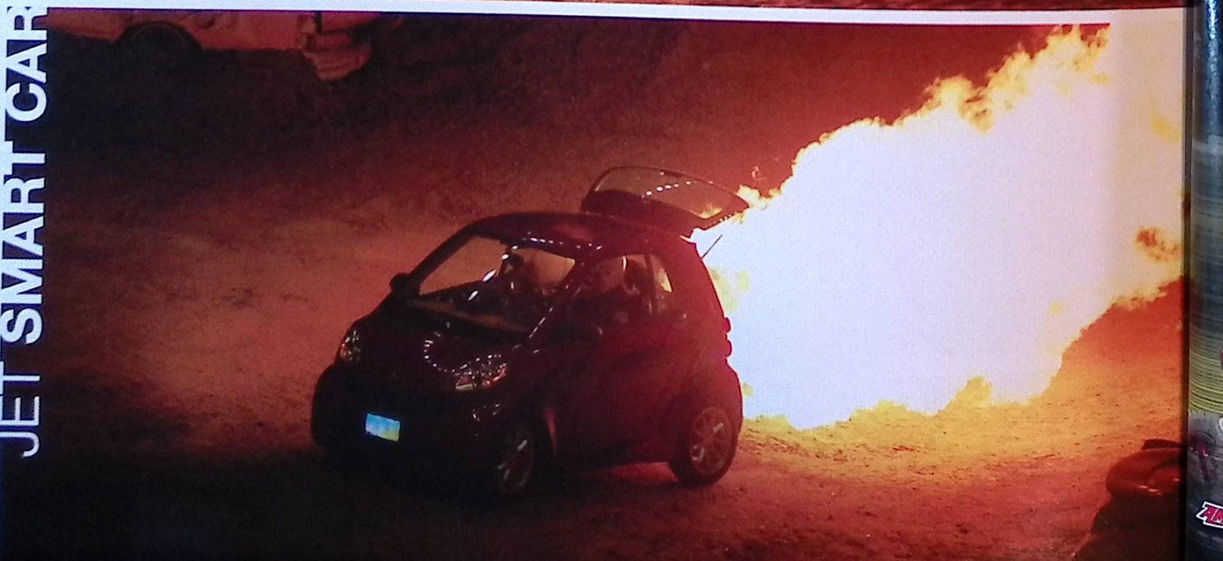

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FIM World Championship

2013 SCHEDULE

Jan 5	Anaheim, CA	Angel Stadium
Jan 12	Phoenix, AZ	Chase Field
Jan 19	Anaheim, CA	Angel Stadium
Jan 26	Oakland, CA	O.com Coliseum
Feb 2	Anaheim, CA	Angel Stadium
Feb 9	San Diego, CA	Qualcomm Stadium
Feb 16	Arlington, TX	Cowboys Stadium
Feb 23	Atlanta, GA	Georgia Dome
Mar 2	St. Louis, MO	Edward Jones Dome
Mar 9	Daytona, FL	Daytona Intl. Speedway*
Mar 16	Indianapolis, IN	Lucas Oil Stadium
Mar 23	Toronto, ON	Rogers Centre
Apr 6	Houston, TX	Reliant Stadium
Apr 13	Minneapolis, MN	Metrodome
Apr 20	Seattle, WA	CenturyLink Field
Apr 27	Salt Lake City, UT	Rice-Eccles Stadium
May 4	Las Vegas, NV	Sam Boyd Stadium

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First Mariner Arena

JAN 18 - 20 • Grand Rapids, MI
VanAndel Arena

JAN 26 - 27 • Tulsa, OK
BOK Center

FEB 1 - 3 • Cedar Park, TX
Cedar Park Center

FEB 8 - 10 • Wilkes-Barre, PA
Mohegan Sun Arena

FEB 16 - 17 • Little Rock, AR
Verizon Arena

FEB 23 - 24 • Wichita, KS
INTRUST Bank Arena

MAR 2 - 3 • Kansas City, MO
Sprint Center

MAR 15 - 17 • Denver, CO
Denver Coliseum

MAY 5 • Las Vegas, NV**
South Point Arena

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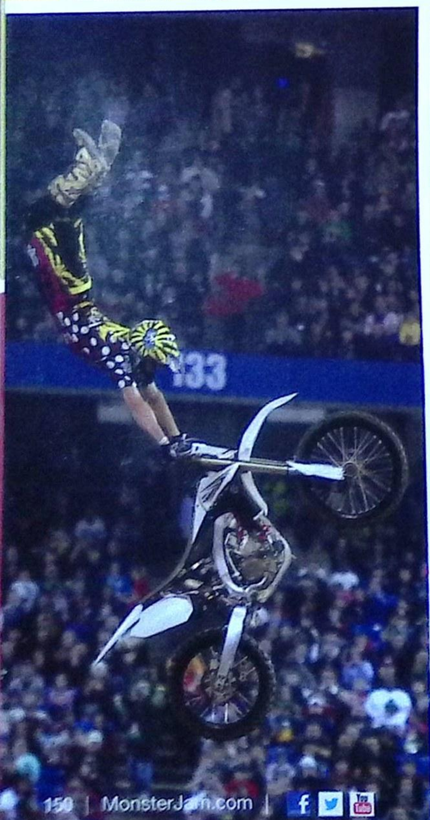

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